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NSL Action! South Melbourne striker STUART STEVENSON (right) beats St. George and Soccerroo squad goalkeeper MIKE GIBSON at Middle Park at the weekend. Photo — Les Shorrock.

PERTH'S THREE PRONGED ATTACK

THE WESTERN Australian Italian connection is mounting a \$1 million assault to gain entry into the National League in 1988.

A Super League has been planned for Perth for next year.

The Perth Cougars have emerged to take their place in the James Hardie Indoor Soccer League.

These three events have injected much needed hope into the ailing soccer scene in WA.

The year started with heady ambitions of a totally new concept for soccer that would have produced a professional league backed by big money and the State government.

Small minds, narrow thinking, lack of vision and

misguided egos saw 12 months investigation by a government appointed panel on the rubbish heap.

What was left was much of the same that has afflicted the code for many years with a future that had only one way to go - down.

The money offered by the State government (\$5 million) backed by a similar amount from the private sector has been put on hold.

There is strong reason to think that all is not lost in this direction, with the government holding on to the money till such a time as soccer in this state gets its act together.

However, financial and

political considerations change like the wind, and no-one can give a guarantee the financial backing will be there 12 months from now.

This has produced a feeling of impotency among many which has led to groups seeking their own solutions.

The National League, naturally, has always been a top priority with the odd attempt having been made in the past to gain entry.

In 1983 Spearwood Dalmatinac put forward an attractive offer which had the support of many in the East but was stopped by the WA Federation.

This DAVID ANDREWS report continues on page 22.

AROK PLANS FOR FUTURE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

WINFIELD Soccerroo supremo Frank Arok has completed his planning for the run through from tonight's (Wednesday's) Melbourne Game against New Zealand to the main Olympic Games qualifying series next March.

And the real stuff, says Arok, begins then.

In the sequence is the Winfield Trans Tasman

Trophy Games, with the return leg at the Hutt Recreation Ground near Wellington next Wednesday September 9.

Then follows Olympic qualifying matches against Taiwan and Papua New Guinea.

"We will play our best side against New Zealand, and the best possible team against Taiwan on November 15," said Arok.

"Then it will be up to my

assistant Eddie Thomson. He will be in charge for the two games against Papua New Guinea and the return match in Taiwan on November 29.

"Not one of the present first team plus Oscar Crino, Zarko Odzakov and Alan Davidson will appear in those matches.

"This will enable us to season extra players so that they can become used to turning out every second day."

Arok will be chasing a minimum two goal advantage to take back from Melbourne to the return game in New Zealand.

He has been burning the midnight oil over his creative midfielders Crino, Odzakov and Peter Raskopoulos, as well as left strikers Andrew Zinni and Rod Brown.

But solid Wally Savor is to be retained at right - back ahead of the classy Alan Davidson.

ENQUIRY OVER FRACAS

WEST END NSL executive director Stefan Kamasz has set up an immediate enquiry over riotous crowd behavior at the Sydney Croatia-Footscray game at Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday.

He said: "The thing that mystifies me now is how the police did not move to the goal ends to try to stop missiles being thrown on the ground."

That matter aside, it is not difficult to speculate that there would have been an even more horrendous situation had not the big security force been in place.

Potential danger to players and officials was so great that the game should have been abandoned for their safety.

The NSL must come up with an enquiry in depth, with any penalties designed to avoid any repetition of these ugly scenes, which are a blot on the game and completely intolerable.

— KEITH GILMOUR

INDOOR CRACKDOWN

THE Australian Soccer Federation has made a move to exclude players operating under the international body FIFUSA from competing in outdoor Soccer in Australia.

The crackdown emanates from FIFA, who have apparently decided that Australia will become the battleground for its long term fight with FIFUSA.

WEST END NSL LATEST ... Page 2, 4, 8 and 9

The Editor

STAGE Three in the Winfield Soccer-oo's campaign to prepare to find a place in the Olympic Games and World Cup finals begins at Olympic Park, Melbourne tonight (Wednesday).

It continues on at the Hutt Recreation Ground in the Hutt district of New Zealand the following Wednesday night.

The winner claims the prestigious Winfield Trans Tasman Trophy.

Next the scene moves to the Olympic Games preliminaries against Taiwan and Papua New Guinea in November, followed by the important qualifiers against no doubt New Zealand, Israel and one other nation in Australia and New Zealand in March.

Harking back to the first stage acted out in the series against the accomplished Czechoslovakians in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney in August 1986 our players had a tremendous distance to travel.

Their shortcomings were exposed by the highly professional visitors, yet coach Frank Arok merely shrugged his shoulders and bided his time.

The Games against New Zealand provided not a deal to enthuse over but the foundation was being laid.

Stage two revolved around the June trip to South Korea for the President's Cup.

Some performances were highly encouraging, others saw part-time players struggling against those who had benefitted from continuous practice.

By now it was noteworthy that many of the players who looked tentative against Czechoslovakia not 12 months before were asserting their authority.

And it should be said, the basic membership of that first team had remained solid.

A few had moved on and a replacement had to be fashioned following Chris Kalantzis' signature to play in Greece.

But the main assessments, give or take a few players, of Arok and his assistant Eddie Thomson had held good.

When Arok returned to Australia from Yugoslavia this time to take over at St George and subsequently to take control of the Australian team, his fairly academic attitude reflected his previous appointment as president of the Yugoslav Coaches' Federation.

The cut and thrust of NSL and international football, has, more than ever before, made him his own man.

With the check point of assistant Eddie Thomson nearby, he has achieved within the bounds of possibility.

That is not however to say that the Arok style is every fan's piece of cake.

Apart from other things it is built around an extra defender and the maximum possible degree of fitness.

There have been times when the essential element of attack and excitement has been lacking.

But Arok must be given the chance to display the final product before fair judgment can be made.

After all he turned out good sides for the last World Cup. And he doesn't have South American skills in his players to start with.

In addition the rebuilding of the St George team has been accomplished in remarkable style from a low point start.

There is an extra burden to be faced in the Olympic Games preparations.

Expatriate players such as David Mitchell, Jim Patikas and Chris Kalantzis are unlikely to be available. Big European clubs can only be expected to release for World Cup games.

Even if there was a change in Eddie Krncevic's availability it too is unlikely to extend to the Olympic Games.

But for today we have the New Zealanders to fight it out with.

Our nearest major neighbours, it is fitting that there is now a regular annual series with them.

Whilst not a world power, the Kiwis can point out that, along with Australia, they have once made the World Cup finals.

They have some performers of quality. Clint Gosling, Kevin Hagan and Andy Deeley, all of whom operate in Australia at the club level, are cases in point who are well known here.

Arok has said that he wants at least a two goal advantage to take to New Zealand.

If that is the outlook then the crowd at Olympic Park should see the right type of game.

Big awards night in Queensland

A **PLAYERS' Player** of the Year award will be amongst those to be presented at the annual Queensland Soccer Press Association awards, to be held at Perry Park on Friday, October 9.

Players in the Queensland XXXX League this week will be voting 3,2,1 on their player with no-one allowed to vote for anyone from their own club.



At Left: City's **FRANK MENGOTTI** shows his anguish after a near miss in Brisbane.

Already the award has promoted considerable speculation with at least five players — Frank Liddell (Lions), Frank Mengotti (Azzurri), John Ogden (Lions), Mark Brusasco (Coalstars) and Phil Redmond (Easts) — being put forward as possible contenders.

The award will be presented in conjunction with the other annual awards on the night, including Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Referee of the Year.

A guest speaker is yet to be announced but organisers are hoping to arrange someone of the calibre of last year's guest speaker, former Queensland Rugby League boss Ron McAuliffe, who was a sensation.

Other awards to be made on the evening include special commendations to Australian representatives, the annual award for services to soccer, and the Courier Mail Best and Fairest award and a trophy to the XXXX League leading scorer.

VALENTINE PARK WORTH \$10M

"THE NSW Soccer Federation Ltd would not sell Valentine Park for \$10 million if it was offered."

"The value of the property is more than that now."

The speaker was NSW Federation president John Constantine, and he based the estimated value on the going rate for farmlets and residential properties in the immediate vicinity, as well as other criteria.

The first three stages that have been constructed over the past 12 years are valued at \$3.1 million.

That is for the well-constructed bricks and mortar of gymnasium and office complex complete with canteen, huge kitchen and meeting rooms, as well as

I WOULD like to go in to bat for the National Soccer League for the second week running.

If important areas such as promotion and marketing are handled properly it will do great things for the game.

I think that the NSL has more potential than State Super Leagues, providing that it is marketed and promoted correctly.

Of course so far we have seen changes to competitions just about every year, so we have to learn to settle for one thing and keep moving ahead with it.

Not, of course, without the need for some well considered changes.

The Perth application to join the NSL is something which appeals to me.

Let's bend to allow them in. A state which is so eager should be given its opportunity, especially if they will subsidise the travel of other teams.

But we must allow them a few years to establish themselves — that is essential.

It seems to me that Melbourne is finding itself struggling to support seven NSL teams, and that brings me to the position of Adelaide.



ALAN HUNTER.

Currently they have one team in the League but they deserve two.

Adelaide Hellas has one championship and Adelaide City both a championship and a cup.

That city has given a lot towards the proper establishment of Soccer and it should be reaping its reward.

Overall the NSL and its clubs must learn a lot from the National Basketball League, which has done its homework brilliantly.



OSCAR CRINO

And from the promotion of teams in other codes such as the Sydney Swans.

Stability and marketing are vital for the NSL clubs, and there needs to be Australian Soccer Federation and State Federation backing all the way.

We need highly professional promotion. Voluntary workshops do much for the game, but

JUSTIN BALE BENEFIT

THE turnout for the Justin Bale Benefit at Brookvale Oval was outstanding.

Thanks to the thousands who attended and to the Warringah Freshwater club and its guests, as well as Marconi.

Also to all others who assisted, the Manly Warringah Rugby League club and the main organisers.

in the long run a deal of their work may not be productive enough.

You pay for the right services and end up with the right product.

Invitation

Last week I overlooked mentioning the presence of Mr Jim Bayutti at the Marconi-APIA game as a special guest.

Marconi president Tony Labbozzetta is to be congratulated for arranging for him to come after an absence from the game.

Jim was one of the people who helped to make the game great in Australia — his accomplishments were many and the time he put into leadership was considerable.

We need more more people of his calibre more often.

There will always be considerable loyalties from coaches to certain players, but a couple of things have puzzled me with the national team.

How under the sun could Alan Hunter be chosen when he was not making it with his own club.

In addition I believe that Oscar Crino was out for six weeks with injury, yet he won a place also.

If a player is injured then surely he should be on the outside when it comes to selection.



RALE RASIC gives his upmost thoughts and views in his ASW column. Outspoken and frank, his stories make engrossing reading.

I'm certainly not out to criticise a player like Hunter. If he is required for certain duties then it is up to Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson to do what they think best.

That doesn't mean I can explain these things however.

Nor can I explain why Arno Bertogna performs at his top every week and can't pass the first hurdle for national team selection.

I don't think that Frank and Eddie are that far ahead of me in summing up his abilities. I just wonder whether he will get a chance.

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Olympic play 60 minutes



APIA PLAY ALL OUT

By JOHN DOYLE

OLYMPIC were on top for the first hour, with the two wide wingers playing very well. Terry Patalis was not only a good target man, in addition he was very dangerous in possession.

His spirited approach ensured that APIA's de Marigny was not involved in his favourite pastime of attacking from the back.

This fact might have escaped the Olympic bench when they replaced him. The ever-improving Patalis had a great duel with the talented de Marigny.

On one occasion when Patalis lost his marker the good cross was converted to a goal via the unlucky legs of Mark Brown.

Nevertheless Mark played very well for APIA.

This score reflected the supremacy of the Olympic brigade. Raskopoulos was playing well and chasing back, but was gradually running out of petrol.

In Hooker they have made an astute buy. He is brilliant and busy. Phillips and Hantzis played fine games. In Tony Dakos I believe Olympic have the best allrounder in the country.

He matched it with the brilliance and output of Butler and Tredinnick, and a Katholos intimidated somewhat by the shocking behaviour of certain spectators.

Yet Dakos remained committed to his dual role by pushing forward as central attacker for Olympic as well.

Certain attributes are up to the individual in Soccer, commitment to tackling is one, and finding space is another.

The difference in the two teams is that Butler, Tredinnick, de Marigny, Bertogna, Yankos and others do it for the full 90 minutes and longer if necessary.

Olympic made a dual replacement and positional changes that, in my view, lost them full points.

Patalis and Abbas Saad were taken off and with it went the front running that may not have meant goals but meant time in possession for Olympic.

It also meant that critical APIA defenders such as de Marigny were kept out of attacking positions, and this gave the tired Olympic midfield some respite and the opportunity to regroup.

The error I feel was compounded by sending a tired Raskopoulos forward with Estavillo, whose best contributions are made in the spaces in midfield.

Olympic's replacements Haniotis and Spanoudakis have a big future in soccer.

They will learn with experience to keep possession in these situations with short passing.

They must also not give possession away with free kicks as APIA are so strong from set-plays.

Tredinnick and Butler ran riot. Tredinnick's great run down the left

and his cross should have been converted by Ward at the near post.

Meier was relieved to get that one.

Ward made amends by flicking on de Marigny's corner to create the equaliser.

To suggest it was Meier's fault is stupidity, the error was in the placement of Hooker too far outside the near post and the non-definition of the role of Ratcliffe.

Meier made a miraculous save from Ward and a brave save from Brown to keep the Blues in the game.

The big man earned his keep.

All the players on show at St George Stadium can take credit for the fine entertainment served up on the muddy surface.

The heavy ground drained some fitness but the courage and enthusiasm that typifies the Australian game was evident.

The slower conditions allowed for more space for the players. The play was end to end and exciting stuff.

However why teams with such brilliant individual players are not intent on retaining possession is a mystery. They squander possession with long 50-50 passes. Surely the British style has to be questioned if you want to control the game.

THE 1987 WINFIELD SOCCEROOS

SQUAD v NEW ZEALAND

in the Winfield Trans Tasman Trophy series

Olympic Park Melbourne

Wednesday September 2, 8pm

	Age	Club	A Internationals	Other Internationals
GOALKEEPERS				
JEFF OLVER	26	Heidelberg	10	16
MIKE GIBSON	24	St George	1	3
DEFENDERS				
WALLY SAVOR	27	Sydney Croatia	5	13
GRAHAM JENNINGS	27	Sydney Croatia	24	29
CHARLIE YANKOS	25	APIA-Leichhardt	23	32
ROBBIE DUNN	26	Melbourne Croatia	13	14
ALAN DAVIDSON	26	Melbourne Croatia	29	19
JEAN-PAUL de MARIGNY	23	Sydney Olympic	—	2
ALAN HUNTER	23	Heidelberg	4	3
MIDFIELDERS				
GARY McDOWALL	28	South Melbourne	6	5
PAUL WADE	25	South Melbourne	7	5
ZARKO ODZAKOV	31	Sydney Croatia	10	6
PETER RASKOPOULOS	25	Sydney Olympic	14	19
OSCAR CRINO	25	Footscray JUST	11	25
STRIKERS				
FRANK FARINA	22	Marconi	11	2
GRAHAM ARNOLD	23	Sydney Croatia	9	11
ANDREW ZINNI	22	Brunswick Juve	3	6
ROD BROWN	23	APIA-Leichhardt	—	13
COACH: Frank Arok				

AROK BACKS TEAM

WINFIELD Socceroos coach Frank Arok will stick with the men who have served him so well in the past for tonight's (Wednesday's) international against New Zealand in Melbourne.

Andrew Zinni's speed and resolve is likely to see him firmly installed as left striker, partnering Graham Arnold and Frank Farina.

The likely team is: Jeff Olver, Wally Savor, Charlie Yankos, Robbie Dunn, Graham Jennings, Gary McDowall or Alan Davidson, Paul Wade, Peter

Raskopoulos, Frank Farina, Graham Arnold, Andrew Zinni, with possibly Oscar Crino to come on.

WORLD YOUTH CUP

TOUGH TIME AHEAD

THE Young Socceroos can't expect an easy time when they reach Chile for their World Youth Cup campaign next month.

• Their first opponent Togo recently toured France and won all four matches.

• Next they meet Yugoslavia, who have ten players in the squad with First Division experience.

• And home side Chile had four weeks in Europe and have been consistently in camp.

But coach Les Scheinflug said: "We have a good squad. They are continuing to learn and their combined effort will be a credit to Australia."

"The camp last week and the game against Uruguay Penrith reconfirmed my feeling about the players."

"It is hard to compare the squad with the 1981 and 1983 groups which I also coached."

"This time we have a lot of speed with players like Jason Polak, Jason van Blerk, Alistair Edwards and Lou Hristodoulou."

"George Kulscar and Abbas Saad have particular skills."

"There is flair and NSL experience."

Scheinflug is looking for hard game in two of the three set up in Argentina before the team arrives in Chile.

Last Wednesday the Young Socceroos came home 6-1 against Penrith Uruguayan in the challenge held at Cook Park St Marys.

KETH GILMOUR

REEVES AND OWENS LEAD

CONTROVERSY over West End NSL refereeing appointments has brought a strong rejoinder from Peter Rampley, chairman of the Referees' Appointment Board.

"Top appointments are made on the basis of best performance," he said. "It is the only fair and proper way."

"Inspectors watch the matches and mark the referees accordingly."

It turns out that the referees who have been consistently top performers this year have been Jim Reeves and Arthur Owens.

And some who are particularly well known have not been in peak form.

Reeves was to have controlled the big Marconi — APIA clash, but took ill a week before.

And so Owens was brought in.

Regarding the claim that referees should not

be brought Interstate to handle a game between local and Interstate teams, Mr Rampley said this was not a consideration.

"We do our best to match up the referee with the type of game that can be expected," he added.

The NSL has already decided on some changes for next season, which could bear fruit.

League manager Peter Russell said: "The panel will comprise the top 10 referees, and not 20 as in the past."

"The intention also is to have a separate panel of experienced ex-players who will review referees from the players' and public point of view."

"This will take nothing away from the present task of the referees' inspectors, who are irreplaceable on technical aspects of control of the game."



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NATIONAL LEAGUE NEWS

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THE WEST END NSL SPEAKS OUT

NATIONAL — NOT STATE

YOU can take it from the horse's mouth — the persistent rumours that the NSL will revert to a State League basis are totally unfounded.

In fact, the reverse is the case.

The West End National Soccer League enables the best to play against the best and provide the best available competition in Australia.

The benefits to all of a national league are obvious.

Players such as Peter Raskopoulos, John Paul de Marigny, and Gary Phillips are among the leading players who have already gone public on the disastrous effects of going back to the state leagues.

Rale Rasic, coach of leading WENSL club APIA, has also gone public saying a return to state leagues would be "unthinkable" at this stage of Australia's soccer development.

**Melbourne's
double-header
ANOTHER double-**

header in Melbourne this weekend.

Brunswick v Sydney Croatia and Footscray v Melbourne Croatia matches proving southern fans are in favour of the double entertainment bill.

**Disturbance
crackdown**

THE West End NSL is to come down hard on clubs involved in crowd disturbances like the Footscray-Sydney Croatia last weekend.

The League is running out of patience with "supporters" who bring the game into disrepute and it is in the hands of clubs and the executive to make sure it is

stamped out once and for all.

Summer case

WEST END and its parent company South Australian Breweries have given the nod of approval for the West End NSL to go summer.

As in fact does the national league's other major backer Beach Fashions.

Both see more sales and promotional opportunities by staging the sporting competitions they sponsor heavily in the summer months.

From the League's point of view, clubs are being asked to submit their thoughts on the change of season and already Joe Prestia, chairman of runaway League leaders APIA, is in favour of the change.

Only three other clubs have indicated their preference to date — St George, Sydney Olympic

and Heidelberg.

All three, like Prestia, are in favour of the summer change.

SBS Television is not opposed to the change. It is fair to say the

League sees the change as valuable to its future, citing the number of sponsorship possibilities in the summer months when other footballing codes are "at the beach".

WENSL FIXTURES

Sunday, September 6, Rd 21

Double-header, Olympic Park, Melbourne

2.30pm: Brunswick Juventus v Sydney Croatia,

4.30pm: Footscray v Melbourne Croatia.

Adelaide City v South Melbourne, Olympic Sports Field, Adelaide.

Marconi v Sydney Olympic, Marconi Stadium.

APIA v Sunshine George Cross, Lambert Park.

Heidelberg v Preston, Olympic Village.

St George, bye.

NEXT WEEK

Sydney Olympic v Melbourne Croatia.

Sunshine v Marconi.

Preston v APIA.

South Melbourne v Heidelberg.

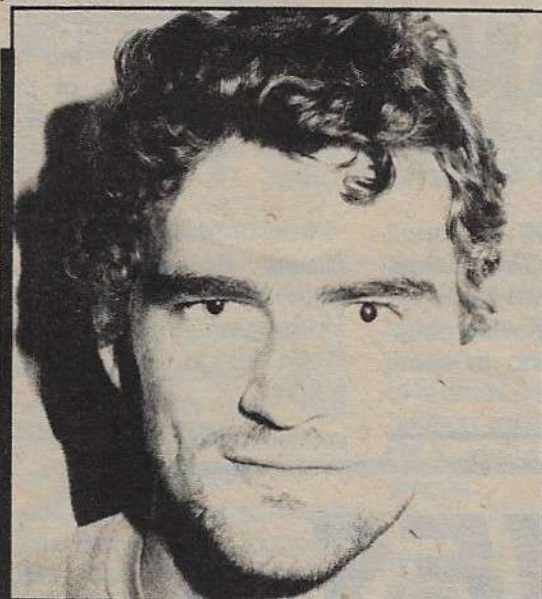
Sydney Croatia v St George.

Brunswick v Footscray.

Adelaide City bye.



At right is the National League's latest edition of the popular 'Aussie Soccer' magazine featuring the likes of Jeff Olver, Paul Wade and Abbas Saad. The glossy publication is available at your club...



ALEX TOBIN
Adelaide City

In his second season as a permanent fixture at left-back with Adelaide City. Played junior soccer with Birkalla and graduated into senior soccer with the club after playing for South Australia's youth team. Signed for Adelaide City by coach Edmund Krett in 1984 for a nominal fee while he was competing for a spot in the Young Socceroos side. He played for Australia's youth team but narrowly missed selection for the squad which played in the World Youth Championship finals in USSR in 1985. Member of the Adelaide City side which won the NSL championship in 1986. His brother Robbie is a player with Birkalla.

Born: 5 April 1966.

NSL debut: South Melbourne 0 Adelaide City 1. 13 May 1984.

NSL career details:
Adelaide City.

1984: 15 apps. + 1 sub.

1985: 12 apps.

1986: 24 apps. + 1 sub.



BRIAN BROWN
Brunswick Juventus

Central defender and captain of the side. A Scot who had three seasons with Dumbarton then was player of the year and captain at Falkirk. Brought to Australia as a guest player by Brunswick Juventus in 1984 scoring on his debut vs Newcastle. Led the side to the 1985 championship triumph. Hard tackling defender, strong in the air and one of the penalty takers in the side.

Born: 29 March 1957.

NSL debut: Brunswick Juve 1 Newcastle Rosebud 1. 15 July 1984.

NSL career details:
Brunswick Juventus.

1984: 9 apps. 1 goal

1985: 27 apps.

1986: 23 apps. 3 goals



PETER TREDINNICK
APIA Leichhardt

A member of the NSL 200 club who rejoined APIA at the start of the season in an \$11,000 transfer. Rale Rasic used him at fullback (until the arrival of Jean Paul DeMarigny) before switching him back to midfield. Started out as a winger in Newcastle's inaugural NSL season. Joined the newly promoted Wollongong for the \$2,000 stipulated in his contract in 1981. Moved to APIA for the first time in 1983 (for \$6,000) then on to Marconi in 1985 for \$10,000. A former Australian youth international (10 apps.) who has also played seven matches for the senior Socceroos (1 game in 1979 and 6 in 1983). Tredinnick is a solicitor.

Born: 6 January 1960. **NSL debut:** Western Suburbs 1 Newcastle 1. 12 March 1978.

NSL career details:

1978: 8 apps. + 5 sub.

1979: 18 apps. + 8 sub.

1980: 18 apps. + 3 sub. 2 goals

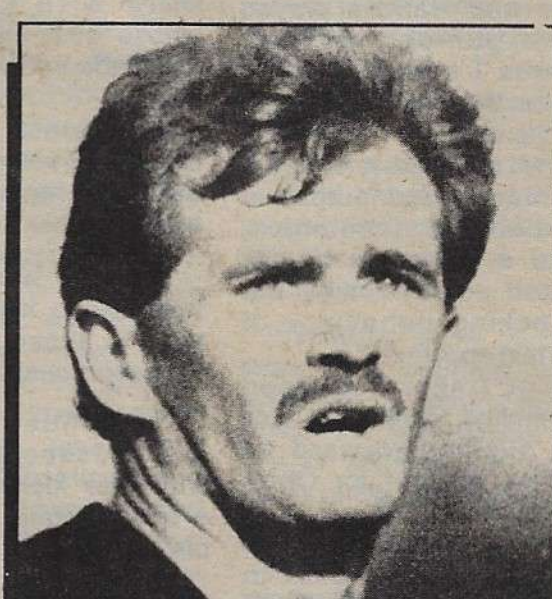
Wollongong.

1981: 30 apps. 4 goals. 1982: 22 apps. 2 goals.

APIA Leichhardt. 1983: 29 apps. 3 goals.

1984: 27 apps. + 1 sub. 4 goals.

Marconi. 1985: 24 apps. 1986: 23 apps. 4 goals.



JOHN STEWART
Preston Makedonia

Was the subject of the best kept secret transfer this season. The club sprang his name on the unsuspecting public on the opening day of the season after concluding a \$12,000 deal with Brisbane Lions for his transfer the day before. Has already established himself as one of the busiest midfielders in Melbourne soccer. Born in Sunderland England. He played for Mt Gravatt in Queensland before joining Lions in 1983. Was appointed captain at Lions and also represented Queensland. His brother Russell is a former Young Socceroo and senior Australian international.

Born: 5 September 1959. **NSL debut:** Brisbane Lions 2 Marconi 0. 3 April 1983.

NSL career details:
Brisbane Lions.

1983: 26 apps. 2 goals

1984: 29 apps. 3 goals

1985: 22 apps. 5 goals

1986: 22 apps.

Debut for Preston Makedonia: v Footscray (a) 0-0. 29 March 1987.



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A BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS COMEBACK ?

queries GREG BLAKE



BRUNSWICK defender ZLATKO BELIC (far right) clears as team-mates ROBBIE CULLEN (7) and SCOTT PATTERSON (10) view proceedings along with Saints' KEVIN HAGAN.

WRITING features on Melbourne NSL club is a depressing job these days.

Everyone seems like an epitaph as the Melbourne contingent maintain their places at wrong end of the table.

In years past we could safely look to likes of a South Melbourne Hellas or Brunswick Juventus to pull the Melbourne name out of the mire.

Not so in 1987 — although things have begun looking up just ever so slightly in recent weeks.



ANDREW ZINNI.

The slump of Brunswick Juventus from all-Australian champions in 1985 to also-rans in 1987 has been as perplexing as any crash of recent years.

Brunswick was expected to lead the Victorian charge of the 1987 competition but some crushing results in recent times — including a string of four successive defeats — has taken its toll.

Now the club, like fellow Melbourne big-shots South Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia, will really have to struggle to even make the top five.

And to a Melbournean the thought of five Sydney teams contesting the finals is as distasteful as can be imagined.

It's early days yet but it does seem Brunswick Juve might be starting to pull out of its crash dive.

Five points from three games in August indicates Len McKendry's glory days aren't over just yet.

The fans, and more particularly the press, who've rubbed their hands

in anticipation of his demise might just have to pack away the knives and roll away the guillotine for just a little longer.

Injury Torn

The devastating injuries that have torn the club's season to pieces are starting to clear up, a little of the arrogance is returning and the confidence is back.

Most of the Juventus mainstays are returning to duty, except closed-season \$30,000 signing Sean Lane, who was cut down with an ankle injury on the eve of the South Melbourne Hellas game.

And all of a sudden the players are beginning to smile and celebrate again, and that's always a telling sign when McKendry is in charge of a team.

ASW caught up with McKendry following his side's 3-1 defeat of South Melbourne Hellas.

Make no mistake — there was more than just a hint of McKendry's sacking in the air a couple of weeks back.

"But at the end of the day they've got to replace a coach with a better one and who are they going to get?" McKendry says without even a hint of concept.

"I didn't really have a worry about my job though because for me it just comes back to a man and his

beliefs.

"I've had seven great years when everything has fallen for me with championships and success with Victoria and really it's been like a fairytale.

"During the good years I knew there was going to be a bad year and I think I approached those bad



FABIO INCANTALUPO (Brunswick)

years then by saying then that I would just carry on with the beliefs that had bought me success.

"And that's what I say about the five points from our last three games — that's its only just a belief in myself and hopefully the players will believe in themselves in return."

Pick Up

Whether he cares to admit it or not though, McKendry needed the points his side has picked up in recent weeks if only to call off the press hounds, many of whom have been gunning for

him for years.

If not for him, at least for his players the pressure is off for the time being.

"The only pressure that has been on us has been caused by the injuries and suspensions," says the Juventus supremo.

"I think the players were getting frustrated, I mean even last Friday night Sean Lane ended up in hospital after training.

"Week after week we've been suffering this and even today (against Hellas) we just had the bare twelve players because we had to play one of our substitutes Luciano Fabrizio in the youth team because they haven't got any players either.

"The only pressure that's been building up is in the frustration of the players because we've not been able to pick a team.



JOHN YZENDOORN

"Recent results say a lot for our attitude in that we've played our way out of trouble.

"It's a good reward for

the work we've put in.

"The hardest part has been to make them believe in what they can do."

The much-heralded return of big Scott Patterson to the Juventus midfield has coincided with the club's return to form.

Of the six games he missed with a groin injury the team lost five.

Against South Melbourne it was noticeable just how much strength the Patterson powerhouse adds to Juve's 'engine-room'.

McKendry's midfielders have dropped like flies from injury this season and the Brunswick boss is more than a little pleased to see 'SP' back in business.

"Yes Scott was sorely missed", McKendry explained.

"I think Leichhardt have had some fortune this year — I mean good luck to them, they're top of the league.

"But they've had some

ever had to make a change and it was easy to say that this or that area of our game was going wrong and we'd put it right.

"But this year, as I said, it's my turn and I just have to suffer the problems we've had with injuries and suspensions."

Front Men

The biggest criticism of Brunswick Juventus in 1987 has been for its lack of goalscoring power and McKendry's apparent inability to settle on his first-choice front men.

"To be honest I still don't know", he explained.

"I've spoken to Andrew (Zinni) and Sean (Lane) and told them that Frank McGrellis will be my first choice because he's experienced and he does a lot of good work.

"But who we prepare with him I haven't made up my mind until we have a settled midfield.

"You can't select them until you can provide for them.

"This has been a problem week in and week out and it will remain so until we have a settled midfield."

McKendry has never been a big wrap for the finals, and he hasn't changed except to acknowledge that in season '87 this will be his only chance to land a major trophy.

Should Brunswick play out of its slump and make the finals, who does he see he see as the sides to beat?

"Aggression wise Apia, skill wise Sydney Croatia but we've taken games up to both those sides already this year with a lop-sided team."

PELE SOUGHT FOR KIWI CENTENARY

BY BOB BLAIR
of SOCCER EXPRESS

DISCREET discussions have opened about the possibility of a visit to New Zealand by the legendary Pele.

The Brazilian World Cup winner is wanted as guest of honour for the Centenary celebrations of the New Zealand FA, which will take place in 1990.

Charlie Dempsey, the NZFA chairman, has set the wheels in motion as part of what promises to be a star-studded festival.

And Paul Kirby, the NZFA's representative on the Football Association in London, has also spoken at length to Terry Venables about the possibility of Barcelona taking part in the Centenary celebrations.

Kirby confirmed: "The Barcelona situation has been discussed, but at this stage I don't want to make any further comment."



ANTHONY GRBAC

fortune in that their injuries and suspensions this year have been always been with back players and not midfielders.

"They lost Brown for a while but even then I believe you can cater for a striker, but all our injuries have been in the midfield and Scott has been one of these.

"I thought today his running at people was so good to see at this level at football.

"He was very aggressive in his running and we've certainly missed him just as we have missed Robbie Cullen, Sean Lane, Mehmet Durakovic and Anthony Grbac.

"I mean all of these players have been out for long periods.

"I haven't used it as an excuse — it is a fact.

"I've not let the players think 'oh look we're missing these players' but it is a fact.

"As I said in all the good years at South Melbourne and Heidelberg I hardly

WHEN MATES MEET!



WEEKEND NSL action. There are no beg pardons as APIA's Peter Katholos challenges Olympic skipper Peter Raskopoulos at St. George Stadium. The match was drawn 1-1. Referee Jim Reeves keeps a close eye on proceedings. Photo — Modern Studios.



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ADELAIDE HELLAS IN CUP WARM-UP

By TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE Hellas will have a perfect warm-up for the West End National League qualifying play-offs against the Victorian and Queensland champions — if they front up.

The SA champions will kick off in the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup tonight (Wednesday) along with Salisbury, Beograd and Croatia.

A win will see it through to the final next week.

And during weekends Hellas will join the other top seven clubs in a home and away series for the West End Premier Cup.

And in between, on Saturday (September 5) while Campbelltown and Birkalla play in the final of the PGH Federation Cup, Hellas will have a break.

This will suit coach Peter Jaksa who is attempting to get captain Nick Mousoulis, back in training after a broken leg, and veteran Graham Honeyman (plastered ligaments) ready for the major play-offs.

Both are moving reasonably freely again and are confident that by the end of the Premier Cup they will be ready — if needed.

Dates for the NSL qualifying play-offs have not been announced, but Jaksa is hoping they will come up before Youth Soccer Lou Hristodoulou has to leave for the World Youth Cup finals in Chile.

The midfielder is in top form, and starring regularly for Hellas, sharing top billing with senior players in The News Elders Lensworth Finance \$1000 Golden Acorn Award voting for State League players.

Jaksa refused to concede his team had won the SA League title until the final whistle of the final round, and is making no predictions about getting back into the NSL.

But one man who is confident is new Scottish import Albert Kidd.

The former professional with the Dundee club in the Scottish Premier League says Hellas can make it through and hold their own.

He has not been over-impressed by what he has seen of the NSL in the flesh and on TV.

"I know first impressions can be misleading, and the weather has been shocking since I arrived, but Hellas will make it," he said.

"I understand the club is looking for more experienced players, and with what they have now we will survive.

"I'm getting to know the lads and the fans now, and my confidence is growing.

"We'll be there. No worries."

The only thing worrying the stocky midfielder is the weather — he's freezing!

Otherwise he's taken to the conditions like a native and so far has not lost his professional edge, thanks to some extra training.

NEW ZEALAND ALL WHITES

16 man squad

	Club	All Internationals
GOALKEEPERS		
CLINT GOSLING	Melita (Aust)	9
GRANT SCHOFIELD	Manurewa	1
DEFENDERS		
RICHARD MULLIGAN	Gisborne City	21
KENNY CRESSWELL	Gisborne City	52
PAUL BRYDON	North Shore	
CERI EVANS	Christchurch	35
MALCOLM DUNFORD	Wellington	28
ROBERT IRONSIDE	North Shore	—
MIDFIELDERS		
MICHAEL MCGARRY	Dunedin	8
DECLAN EDGE	Mt Maunganui	12
DUNCAN COLE	North Shore	76
ALLAN BOATH	North Shore	60
STRIKERS		
DANNY HALLIGAN	Christchurch	—
FRED DE JONG	Mt Wellington	4
KEVIN HAGAN	St George (Aust)	21
NOEL BARCLAY	Papatoetoe	10
ANDY DEELEY	Heidelberg (Aust)	3
COACH: Kevin Fallon		

JEFF OLVER: Safe and quick as well as tremendously enthusiastic, Olver has hardly ever put a foot or hand wrong since taking over from Terry Greedy. Stands to be number one choice for Australia for years to come. Melbourne product.

MIKE GIBSON: Big and safe, Gibson, a product of Penrith and the lower Blue Mountains in NSW, has won favour with Arok. The coming matches will see him given the chance to further adapt to the international arena.

WALLY SAVOR: Picked out by Arok for his mobility, as well as his steadiness and outstanding knack as a marker. Savor is always the complete tradesman, with the reputation of never letting his team down.

GRAHAM JENNINGS: Mobile with a capability to raid up the left and support his midfield and strikers. Originally came from Newcastle to Sydney Olympic and then on to Croatia. Regular left back choice, following in the footsteps of Col Curran and Harry Williams.

CHARLIE YANKOS: Anchorman of the defence and captain and reliable combined with sound distribution. A big favourite

in the cities in which he has played — Melbourne, Adelaide and now Sydney.

ROBBIE DUNN: Tall and capable stopper. Came to Australia as a youngster from Scotland and has starred in Perth, Adelaide and now Melbourne.

ALAN DAVIDSON: One of Australia's outstanding products, he held his place for a considerable period with Nottingham Forest in England. Stylist, he is now reaching his peak again after a short break to establish a restaurant business. Alan is of Australian-Japanese parentage and a former Victorian junior.

JEAN-PAUL DE MARGINY: Called to the colours for the President's Cup in South Korea in June. Born in Mauritius, he has had spells in Scotland with Aberdeen reserves and has proved a sound left back or midfielder.

ALAN HUNTER: Brisbane product, who has the makings of a powerful central defender. Now with Heidelberg, he gained valuable experience in South Korea.

GARY MCDOWALL: Powerful midfielder, who possesses very handy defensive qualities. Has been moulded into the team following the last

World Cup campaign.

PAUL WADE: Nippy English-born midfielder with a high work-rate who has had an impressive run since added to the team.

ZARKO ODZAKOV: Long-time Yugoslav professional who was first recruited by Preston Make-donia and then secured by Sydney Croatia. A great setter up and finisher of moves, he was brought back into the Australian squad but missed the South Korea tour due to injury.

PETER RASKO-POULOS: Can lay off an attacking pass as well as anyone in Australia. First played in top grade at 15 years of age and is now 25.

OSCAR CRINO: One of the most cultured players ever produced in Australia, Crino was off the local scene for some time due to playing in Cyprus, followed by a transfer squabble and injury. His ability to hold a ball is legendary.

FRANK FARINA: A North Queensland product, Farina has also starred in Canberra and Syd-

ney. His speed off the mark has endangered many defences and in addition he has steadied tremendously with his final strike at goal.

GRAHAM ARNOLD: Tall, direct striker with the potential to collect goals regularly with head and foot. A Sutherland Shire junior in Sydney, he moved to Canterbury before being secured by Sydney Croatia. Subject of a big offer from the Dutch First Division.

ANDREW ZINNI: Left striker with explosive pace, he has been showing out extremely well in what amounts to an apprenticeship period with the national squad. Former Melbourne junior.

ROD BROWN: Rediscovered his national potential with his switch from Marconi to Apia-Leic-hardt. Certainly few if any strikers can better him when it comes to finding open spaces for an onslaught on goal. A Sydney youngster who spent time at the Australian Institute Of Sport.

INSIST ON PROMOTION INTEREST

RELEGATION and promotion in the West End National League is in danger of becoming a farce.

As we went to press only South Australia were certain to provide a champion to contest the play-offs for one of the vacancies in the NSL for next season.

Word from Melbourne was that potential champion Maribyrnong Polonia was not interested.

And from Queensland one of the contenders for the local crown, North Star, would also be a non-starter in the qualifiers.

Surely the ASF and NSL, along with State federations, must insist that all their teams are interested in the national league.

And that they are capable of taking part.

It is hard to imagine any club in any of the major Soccer countries being allowed to contest a league if they were not willing to move up a strata.

Clubs not willing to aim for promotion, or unwilling to perhaps merge to achieve it, should be re-

WRITES Tom McKain

gated to an amateur league.

Super League

South Australia is on the right track with the SASF attempting to persuade the 12 First Division clubs that they should form an eight-team super league.

ASF chairman Jack Reilly, is trying a similar move in Victoria where there are 16 teams in the State League, and one of them is the Australian Institute of Sport Youth team!

And the youngsters, although not allowed to collect official points, have walked away with the so-called senior league.

With four rounds to play the kids had amassed 43 points, compared to Polonia's 36, scoring 68 goals, conceding only 13 with 19 wins, five draws and only one defeat.

The number of so-called "senior" clubs appears to be a joke.

The same goes for South Australia where the Federation has been struggling for years to convince clubs that quality is better than quantity.

And surely the offer of a

team from Perth must be taken seriously, despite any "rule" that the scene has been set for play-offs.

National

The WA Soccer Federation is determined to push its claims for a place in the national league next year.

President Mr Joe Lacerenza said: "We are available and we have the money, but the NSL and the Australian Soccer Federation has not treated our approach with the enthusiasm we expected."

Four Italian backed clubs — Azzurri, Bayswater Inter, Balcatta Etna and Tricolore — are willing to amalgamate and hold 50 per cent of a new club while Perth businessmen are willing to put up the rest of the cash.

ASF executive director, Mr Brian Emery, has said the rules have been set for next year.

The winner of the NSW State league, made up of Sydney, Newcastle and Canberra, comes in along with the winner of the play-offs between the Victorian, SA and Queensland

champions.

This means only one team being relegated as Sydney City pulled out at the beginning of the season, leaving 13 teams.

Surely two teams could still be dropped and a Perth side brought in as a replacement for Sydney City.

The NSL is supposed to be a national competition.

We agree with NSL executive director, Mr Stefan Kamasz, that if a Perth side is included without any play-off, Brisbane, Canberra, Newcastle and Adelaide could make a similar claim.

But with some clubs reluctant to take the plunge, surely one from a new State should not be discouraged.

Club merging must be encouraged, and with Perth willing to subsidise travel costs the league must seriously consider their offer if it wants to be regarded as truly national.

Perhaps Western Australia could be allowed to "take over" one of the reluctant sides, relocate it in Perth, and change its name.

That would satisfy the purists.



Top and Bottom: The contenders from the Victorian and WA State Leagues. Above: Maribyrnong Polonia and Caulfield City in action.



Bayswater goalkeeper STEVE MARTIN

Azzurri's Craig Naven.

POOLS COLUMN

NO winner this week, so the result is a giant JACKPOT for week 110. Remembering that last week the winner of the DOUBLE JACKPOT reaped in more than \$700,000, playing the POOLS can be big business indeed!

As ever the list of matches in the UK this week (110) are as attractive as ever. Leaders Queens Park Rangers are away to Charlton, despite being away from home they must be favoured to take the three points.

You may be surprised that we've gone for Coventry to hold the strong Manchester United for a score draw, but City are no pushovers and United are still not at peak form by any means. Liverpool's travels to West Ham should provide a result either way whilst Newcastle and Wimbledon should provide an entertaining draw.

As ever, the best of luck.

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THIS WEEK'S WINNING MATCH NUMBERS

9	12	13	14
30	31	SUPP.	37

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE
 Arsenal 6 Portsmouth 0, Charlton 1 Manchester United 3, Chelsea 3 Luton 0, Coventry 1 Liverpool 4, Derby 0 Wimbledon 1, Everton 4 Sheffield Wednesday 0, Newcastle 0 Nottingham Forest 1, Southampton 0 Queens Park Rangers 1, Watford 1 Tottenham 1, West Ham 2 Norwich 0

DIVISION TWO
 Barnsley 2 Crystal Palace 1, Birmingham 1 Bournemouth 1, Bradford 0 Leeds 0, Huddersfield 0 Shrewsbury 0, Hull 2 Aston Villa 1, Ipswich 2 Stoke 0, Leicester 1 Millwall 0, Middlesbrough 1 Oldham 0, Reading 0 Plymouth 1, Sheffield United 3 Blackburn 1, West Bromwich 1 Swindon 2

DIVISION THREE
 Brentford 0 Bristol City 2, Brighton 2 Fulham 0, Bristol Rovers 3 Aldershot 1, Bury 3 Blackpool 1, Chester 1 York 0, Doncaster 0 Sunderland 2, Gillingham 8 Southend 1, Mansfield 0 Chesterfield 1, Notts County 0 Grimsby 0, Port Vale 0 Rotherham 0, Preston 0 Wigan 1, Walsall 1 Northampton 0

DIVISION FOUR
 Burnley 4 Carlisle 3, Cardiff 1 Swansea 0, Crewe 2 Wrexham 0, Exeter 3 Newport 0, Hartlepool 2 Darlington 5, Hereford 1 Wolverhampton 2, Peterborough 1 Cambridge 0, Scarborough 4 Bolton 0, Southport 2 Colchester 2, Torquay 1 Leyton Orient 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION
 Aberdeen 1 Dundee United 1 Celtic 1 Rangers 0, Dundee 5 Dunfermline 0, Hearts 1 Hibernian 0, Motherwell 1 Falkirk 2, St Mirren 2 Morton 1

DIVISION ONE
 Airdrieonians 0 Hamilton 3, Clyde 4 Partick 1, Dumbarton 1 Clydebank 1, East Fife 2 Raith 1, Forfar 0 Meadowbank 0, Kilmarnock 0 Queen of South 2

DIVISION TWO
 Albion 0 Queen's Park 4, Alloa 4 Stirling 0, Ayr 5 Stranraer 1, Brechin 2 Cowdenbeath 2, Brechin 2 Montrose 0, East Stirling 2, Stenhousemuir 0, St Johnstone 3 Arbroath 1

NORTHERN IRELAND, Gold Cup: Bangor 0 Newry 2, Cliftonville 2 Portadown 0, Coleraine 3 Larne 0, Distillery 0, Ards 0, Glenavon 3, Glenavon 2, Linfield 1 Ballymena 0

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE
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 Notts Fst 4 3 1 0 4 1 10

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MATCH LIST

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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	CHARLTON	Q.P.R.	1	X
	CHELSEA	NOTTM. F.	2	1
	COVENTRY	MAN. UTD.	3	2
	DERBY C.	PORTSMOUTH	4	X
	EVERTON	TOTTENHAM	5	X
	NEWCASTLE	WIMBLEDON	6	2
	OXFORD U.	LUTON TOWN	7	1
	SOUTH'PTON	SHEFF. WED.	8	X
	WATFORD	NORWICH C.	9	X
	WEST HAM	LIVERPOOL	10	X
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	BARNLEY	PLYMOUTH A.	11	1
	BIRMINGHAM	CRYSTAL P.	12	2
	BRADFORD C.	MILLWALL	13	2
	HULL C.	BOURNEM'TH	14	2
	IPSWICH T.	LEEDS U.	15	X
	LEICESTER	ASTON VILLA	16	X
	MAN. CITY	BLACKBURN	17	1
	MIDDLESBRO'	SWINDON	18	X
	READING	OLDHAM A.	19	2
	SHEFF. UTD.	STOKE C.	20	X
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	W.B.A.	SHREWSBURY	21	X
	BRENTFORD	ROTHERHAM	22	2
	BRIGHTON	BLACKPOOL	23	2
	BRISTOL R.	WIGAN A.	24	X
	BURY	BRISTOL C.	25	X
	CHESTER	ALDERSHOT	26	1
	DONCASTER	NORTH'PTON	27	1
	GILLINGHAM	CHESTERFIELD	28	X
	NOTTS. C.	SOUTHEND	29	X
	PORT VALE	YORK	30	1
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	PRESTON	GRIMSBY T.	31	2
	WALSALL	SUNDERLAND	32	1
	BURNLEY	SWANSEA	33	X
	CARDIFF	WOLVES	34	X
	EXETER	WREXHAM	35	X
	HARTLEPOOL	LEYTON O.	36	X
	HEREFORD	BOLTON W.	37	X
	PETERBORO'	DARLINGTON	38	X
	*RESERVE MATCHES			
	SCARBORO'	TRANMERE	39	
SCOTTISH PREMIER	SCUNTHORPE	ROCHDALE	40	
	ALVECHURCH	WITNEY	41	
	ASHFORD	BROMSGROVE	42	
	BEDWORTH	CHELMSFORD	43	
	CAMB'GE C.	DORCHESTER	44	
	DUNDEE UTD.	CELTIC	45	
	DUNFERMLINE	MOTHERWELL	46	
	FALKIRK	ABERDEEN	47	
	HIBERNIAN	ST. MIRREN	48	
	MORTON	HEARTS	49	
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1	RANGERS	DUNDEE	50	
	CLYDEBANK	AIRDRIE	51	
	HAMILTON	DUMBARTON	52	
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BERTOOGNA SOUNDS A CHILLING WARNING

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC came within five minutes of halting Apia's relentless march of going 19 matches without defeat.

Only a late goal in the 85th minute by Apia's centre-back skipper, Arno Bertogna enabled his side to earn a 1-1 draw at the St George Stadium.

Despite a very heavy "wicket", both Sydney Olympic and Apia players must be congratulated for a fabulous exhibition of very fast, open, non-stop attacking display of wet-weather football.

Bertogna remarked later: "This was a complete match, entertaining and most competitive. My two defenders behind me, Mark Brown and Charlie Yankos, did a great job,

whilst Peter Tredinnick and Terry Butler are nothing less than workaholics which make things much easier for me."

But Bertogna went on to spell out a warning: "Don't be mistaken, Apia has yet to play to its maximum capacity. We are taking the championship one week at a time."

Sydney Olympic dominated the first "innings" as coach, Eddie Thomson, caught Apia out with a positional tactic.

Thomson repeatedly had his lateral-defender, Tony Dakos, making "guest appearances" in

the midfield where he managed to split Apia wide open several times.

In the first half hour, Estavillo tested Apia goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano with two long range rockets, both of which Pezzano kept out.

Apia's competitive and well experienced "gear-box" of Butler, Peter Katholos and Tredinnick, battled valiantly against Olympic's colourful trio of Gary Phillips, Peter Raskopoulos and Estavillo.

However, both goals scored did not match the quality of the game.

Olympic opened the score in the 59th minute as disaster struck Apia's usually reliable central defence.

Olympic's striker, Terry Patalis, rifled an angled shot from the right into Apia's six-yard box which had defender Mark Brown under pressure.

Attempting to clear, Brown hit onto his sweeper Charlie Yankos and the ball ricocheted into Apia's net.

Five minutes from "stumps" with Apia looking down the barrel of its first "duck" of the season, left-back Jean-Paul de Marigny slung a perfect corner from the right into Olympic's box. Apia formed a "ruck" of players that swarmed towards the goal-line with Bertogna finally charging the ball with his body into the net.

Apia's relieved coach, Rale Rasic stated later: "It was a fair result despite Eddie Thomson trying to close it up in the last 15 minutes. Olympic had more zest in the first session and didn't allow us to play."

Thomson replied: "We should have had this one as we had more crosses than the Vatican. It was a great game even though I felt we controlled the match."

Stars for Apia were the tireless Tredinnick and Butler and the always lurking danger of Ward, whilst Olympic's best were the clinically-efficient Robbie Hooker, the skilful Estavillo and Raskopoulos, plus the contributing left-back, Spyros Hantzis.

Only one player marred this great match. Despite his undoubted skills, plus enormous experience, this bloke has become a 'hatchet-man' as he went about cutting down his opponents with two-booted tackles.

There's no place in NSL football for his type.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Moler: Hooker, Coady, Ratcliffe, Dakos, Hantzis: Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Patalis (Spanoudakis 83rd), Sead (Haniotis 83rd).
APIA: Pezzano: M. Brown, Bertogna, Yankos, De Marigny: Butler, Tredinnick, Katholos (H. Phillips 67th): Zanjmi, Ward, R. Brown. Referee: J. Reeves. Crowd: 5,656. Yellow Cards: Raskopoulos, Estavillo, M. Brown.



BEAUTY! ABBAS SAAD celebrates Sydney Olympic's goal against APIA with team-mate Spiros Hantzis at St. George Stadium. Photo — Modern Studios.

MLB CROATIA READY FOR SYDNEY CLUBS

MELBOURNE CROATIA have never been the most popular club in Victoria, indeed far from it.

BY GREG BLAKE

But for now the fortunes of the Melbourne outfit are of paramount importance to supporters in the southern states as the club infiltrates the Sydney dominated NSL top five.

On Sunday Croatia extended its undefeated run to seven games by downing Marconi 1-0 at Olympic Park and in doing so marked itself as a genuine challenger for the finals.

"They're putting together a bit of a run — they look a pretty solid outfit," was Tony Henderson's acknowledgement of Croatia's Victorian challenge.

"They could cause a few problems." Henderson, like his team-mates, was disappointed with Sunday's defeat after his side had looked worth a point for much of the 90 minutes.

The chances were few, the spectacle uninspiring and in the end it simply came down to the home side taking its chance when it came.

It was just reward for workhorse Alan Scott to grab Melbourne Croatia's 73rd minute winner as he'd spent the day battling as hard as anyone in a game that seemed bottled up in midfield and often going nowhere.

Scott's winner was created from the wizardry of Josip Biskic who, along with Steve Maxwell after halftime, looked the only ones capable of tearing the game wide open.

Biskic's brilliant jink down the left and subse-

quent pinpoint cutback was perfectly placed for Scott who's brave diving header passed Robert Catlin for the first and only time.

Catlin, Henderson, Paul Carter, Robbie Wheatley and Steve Calderan weren't prepared to give Croatia anything it didn't earn.

Likewise it was Robbie Dunn, Dave McIntosh and particularly Alan Davidson, who completely blanketed Frank Farina, who dominated at the opposite end.

The midfield duels were fascinating with one player after another excelling only for encouraging moves to end fruitlessly.

Ilan Milošević knocked up to get possession, Gerry

Gomez bobbed in and out of play and Biskic was magic after the break.

Play only opened up in the final 20 minutes after the home side had grabbed the lead.

But when the questions were asked of them the two goalkeepers didn't put a foot wrong with Catlin Marconi's brave rather than spectacular hero.

The game was memorable for very little except perhaps that it might mark the beginning of a Melbourne resurgence.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Dobson, Davidson, McIntosh, Dunn, Milešević, Scott, Biskic, Heys, Wallace, Lewis.
MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, Wheatley, Henderson, Calderan, Gomez, Gray, Carbone (Nastevski 78) Gunning (Lowe 11), Maxwell, Farina.
Referee: D. Zoutas. Crowd: 1,500.

PRESTON HANDLE ADCITY

BY TOM PETERS

PRESTON Makedonia Import Goce Dimovski turned out with the vital goal and provided his team with a 2-1 victory at the expense of 1986 champions Adelaide City at the Connor Reserve on Sunday.

The match was widely promoted and the home club was rewarded with a crowd estimated at 3000, much to the joy of their management.

Last week Preston had suffered a humiliating 3-0 defeat against St George in Sydney, whilst striker Steve Smith was out with injury.

This time Smith was back on the job and in a very mobile performance he aided the cause by chipping in with his team's first goal.

It was his seventh of the year and leaves him level sixth on the top goalscorers' table.

Joe Mullen, Adelaide City's brilliant striker, was the man who caused Preston's able goalkeeper Phil Trianides a deal of trouble.

Mullen smashed home a glorious volley high into the net on the turn for his team's goal.

Preston coach Ernie Merrick can be pleased with the way in which his players kept running, setting up movements and challenging.

The team has only had one defeat in nine matches and on Sunday looked more like the unit that should have disposed of high profile Sydney Croatia three weeks ago.

Now sitting on 17 points with a game in hand, this week they will have to pierce the suspect Heidelberg defence.

Their following games are APIA (h), Marconi (a), Melbourne Croatia (a), Sydney Olympic (a), and finally Sunshine George Cross at home.

It will be a tall order to win through to the semi-finals.

But a repeat dose of Sunday's display will lift the morale in the camp tremendously.



St. George's ALAN SCOTT leaps into a shot against South Melbourne at the weekend. Bobby Russell challenges. Photo Les Shorrock.

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WEST END NAT. LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA-L'hardt.....	19	10	9	-	28	14	29
Marconi	19	9	3	7	31	21	21
Melb Croatia	19	9	3	7	21	23	21
Syd Olympic	18	8	4	6	27	18	20
Sydney Olympic	18	7	6	5	23	21	20
St George	19	8	4	7	23	22	20
Preston	18	6	7	5	21	19	19
St Melbourne	18	7	5	6	25	25	19
Adelaide City	19	5	8	6	26	18	18
Brunswick	18	8	2	8	15	17	18
Footscray	18	6	4	8	12	22	16
Heidelberg	19	3	5	11	22	37	11
Sunshine	17	1	6	11	17	34	8

Following last week's decision of the NSW Appeals Board to find Heidelberg United guilty of the charge of having played an unregistered player in its match against Footscray on 5 April 1987, it has been necessary to alter the League's total and the

scoreline of 4-1 has been deducted from Heidelberg's total and the scoreline of 4-1 has been deleted and replaced with a 0-3 result.

Footscray has been credited with the two points for the match and the scoreline of 1-4 replaced with a 3-0 result.

WEST END NAT. LEAGUE RESULTS

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (A Scott) MARCONI 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1000.
FOOTSCRAY 2 (O Crino, V Bozinovski) SYDNEY CROATIA 0 at Crostian Sports Centre. Crowd: 5460.
SUNSHINE 1 (R Markovac) draw with HEIDELBERG 1 (A Deeley) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2500.
PRESTON 2 (S Smith, G Dimovski) ADELAIDE CITY 1 (J Mullen) at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 3000.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (C Yankos og) draw with LEICHHARDT 1 (A Bertogna) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 5656.
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (S Stevenson, D Wright) ST GEORGE 1 (K Hagan) at Middle Park. Crowd: 2000.

THE NSL TOP SCORERS

ROD BROWN APIA-Leichhardt	12
FRANK FARINA Marconi	10
ROBBIE SLATER Sydney Croatia	9
PAUL LEWIS Melbourne Croatia	9
JOE MULLEN Adelaide City	8
GRAHAM ARNOLD Sydney Croatia	7
RON CAMPBELL Preston	7
LAWRIE MCKINNA Heidelberg	7
CHARLIE VILLANI Adelaide City	7
STEVE SMITH Preston	7
STUART STEVENSON South Melb.	6
IAN WALLACE Melbourne Croatia	6
PETER TSOLAKIS Heidelberg	6
JOHN KOSMINA Sydney Olympic	5
PAUL WADE South Melbourne	5
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW St George	5
STEVE MAXWELL Marconi	5
GARY WARD APIA-Leichhardt	5
JOHN MARKOVSKI Sunshine	5

SOUTHS SPARKLE AGAIN



IF LOOKS COULD KILL! St. George's Steve 'Rocky' O'Connor glares at an opposing player on Sunday at Middle Park. Photo by Les Shorrock.

BY LES SHORROCK

South Melbourne won one of the most enthralling matches seen at Middle Park this season, downing St. George 2-1 in a game that was alive right to the final whistle.

The South committee moved quickly last week to dispel rumours that coach Brian Garvey was about to be sacked following recent setbacks, by re-appointing him for season 1988.

Garvey himself moved to stop the rot by two shock selections. He dropped goalkeeper Peter Laumets to play 21 year-old Con Giatas, and he left Charlie Egan on the bench.

Laumets, South's longest-serving player had not been dropped since 1982, and Egan had never been dropped before.

South was also without Gary McDowall, who was suspended.

The shocks didn't end with the omissions, though. South, with Carl Halford replacing McDowall, swept into attack from the kick-off and won a corner on the right.

Richard Miranda took the kick and Steve Blair rose high to head powerfully goalwards. Before the ball hit the ground, Stuart Stevenson had darted in and hit the ball past a wrong-footed Mike Gibson.

It was just the tonic South had wanted and for a long time they looked capable of running the Saints ragged. But St. George weathered the

storm and started to applying pressure themselves.

They had been virtually camped in South's half for fifteen minutes when South broke away down the left, and Danny Crainie looked up to see Danny Wright charging into the penalty box. Crainie gave a nicely weighted along the ground pass and Wright scored well under heavy pressure.

If South came out looking for an easy second

half, it was soon to be disillusioned. St. George is a very fit team these days, and they took the fight right up to South in the opening period of the second term.

Events might have turned out quite differently, in fact, had not captain Andy Koczka been carried off just before half-time with a suspected fractured ankle.

His height was missed at the back, but suddenly Saints were back in the

game as Kevin Hagan latched on to a loose ball on the edge of the box and fired it viciously past debutant Con Giatas.

It was a super goal from a super striker, and no doubt Frank Arok will be devoting some time to briefing his defence about it before Hagan lines up with New Zealand at Olympic Park tonight.

It was an even battle after that right to the final whistle, with both teams missing good chances.

ACTION ON AND OFF THE FIELD AS CROATIA SLIP

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SYDNEY Croatia continued their run of outs when they were disposed of by Footscray JUST 2-0 in a heated encounter at Edensor Park.

This match was not memorable for the mind-boggling action on the park, although it began well and Footscray carried on in good enough style right to the bitter end.

In fact if the Footscray side continues on as they did in this match many more points are there for the taking.

It was only the second match back for their top class midfielder Oscar Crino, and he will certainly play an even bigger role in matters if his foot injury completely settles.

He wasn't the only star. Everyone gave their best, although I particularly noted the solidarity of defender Drago Deankovic and the determined work of Kenny Murphy.

Croatia officials did their

best to handle the disgraceful behaviour that came from part of the terraces, and particularly from behind the goals.

Once again Soccer is facing a crisis — in this case as a carryover of the warfare that began in the first round fracas in Melbourne.

Visiting goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic summed it up. "I was pelted with rocks, bottles, cans and fruit and even umbrellas. I have never seen the like of it in 350 games here and overseas. We came here for Soccer and not politics," he said.

At one stage, when Ante Rumora was dismissed for persistent misconduct, a few people raided the field only to be chased off by security guards.

There was no shortage of security. Had not Croatia seen to that then the NSL would have been investigating a riot — and I don't mean maybe.

To play the game as it stood involved a horde of police with nine waggons and squad cars, plainclothes men in the crowd, private security guards, club attendants and later the tactical response group.

Out on the park, it was Crino who posted the first goal in the fourth minute. A first rate cross arrived from Zdravko Lujic wide on the left, and Crino found just enough room in heading home from the far post.

The second goal was handed to the visitors on a platter. Replacement defender Ray Vlietstra need

BERGERS THINK OF GOING TO COURT

By CON NIKOLOPOULOS

HEIDELBERG United are contemplating legal action against the National Soccer League following the ruling of the Appeals Board in favor of Footscray, in the Scott Fraser controversy.

The tribunal found Heidelberg had breached article 30 of the constitution of the NSL when they fielded Fraser for their first round game against Footscray and ordered the two points be granted to Footscray.

Heidelberg vice-president Nick Katsakis said the committee has sought legal advice and will soon issue a writ against the NSL.

According to Katsakis, the club has also communicated with FIFA, asking the international Soccer authority to view their case.

"We were shocked by the ruling," said Katsakis, "as far as we are concerned the player was properly registered and we do not accept the ruling."

Meantime, Heidelberg escaped unharmed from the relegation battle against Sunshine George Cross at Chaplin Reserve.

A late goal by Kiwi international Andy Deeley enabled the Bergers to share the proceeds of a 1-1 draw and maintain a three point lead over bottom-placed Sunshine.



CLAUDE LUCCHESI

This action-packed encounter developed into a lop-sided affair with George Cross dominating throughout.

Conscious of the importance of the game Sunshine threw themselves in the fray and soon had their opponents locked in defence.

During the siege the home team hit the woodwork three times and had repeated efforts cleared off the line.

Their efforts were halted six minutes before the break by the loss of central defender Shaun Parton. Parton was sent off by referee Chris Bambridge for an unjustified attack on Claude Lucchessi.

Heidelberg also suffered a major loss in the first five minutes losing captain Theo Selemidis injured.

George Cross were finally rewarded for their efforts in the 51st minute, thanks to a superb dis-

play of refereeing by Bambridge.

Paul Trimboli mounted a solo run along the touchline but full back Ian McKie desperately hung on to his opponent. Bambridge played the advantage giving Trimboli the time to relay the ball square for incoming Robert Markovac who scored with a superb header.

But Georgie failed at the most crucial moment in the game.

Andy Deeley was brought in the game in place of Mike Valentine and the Kiwi international made his presence felt setting up the equaliser five minutes before full time for John Anastasiadis.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Parton, Richardson, Mitten, Faulkner, McLaren, Gilder (Innes 67), Trimboli, Markovac, Markovski. HEIDELBERG: Oliver, McKie, Kanesoulis, Hunter, Selemidis (Fraser 5th), Katsakidis, Valentine (Deeley 58), Lucchessi, Anastasiadis, McKinna, Tsolakis. Ref: C. Bambridge. Att: 1,500.

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ALEX VESIC
reviews the
**NSW State
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Demons on the march yet again

BLACKTOWN continued its fine form against Canterbury with Kurt Reynolds once again contributing to the Demons' scoreline with two goals.

The Demons fell behind after five minutes when Vlado Mickovski was on hand to tap the ball into the net to give Canterbury a shock lead.

But it was only the beginning of the scoring in this match as both teams threw caution to the wind.

Maier levelled when he netted from close range in the ninth minute.

Nine minutes later Nelio Borges was through but Steve Watson came out and the shot was deflected.

Hummell blocked one a minute later at the other end then Maier scored two minutes later.

Paul Kay found van Blerk and his nod found Maier, who scored. 2-1.

Van Blerk hit the crossbar from almost half way in the 26th, but he was on the mark a few minutes later thanks to a through ball from Maier.

A Kay freekick set up Lee, who scored with his second attempt after Hummell saved the first.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, George (71st Redman), Licata, Rapo, Zull, Borges, Marinos, Mickovski, Stamos, Kalogeras (57th Perdomo), Arambasic.
BLACKTOWN: Watson, Maier, Reynolds, Sterrey, Northam, Denyer, Kay, Sandy (Cotton 68th), Byrne (Jeffrey 66th), Lee, Van Blerk.

**CANBERRA —
WOLLONGONG
MACEDONIA**
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THE WOLVES JUST ONE GAME AWAY

WOLLONGONG City Wolves are on the doorstep of the National League following its 3-1 win over Inter Monaro last Saturday at the Wollongong Showground.

Manly Warringah is the last obstacle in the way of these rampant Wolves and the State Bank League title.

And, should Manly perform in similar fashion to last Wednesday night when they were run over by the Demons then one might as well erect extra stands at the Showground for next Sunday night in preparation for the big celebration.

Blacktown City is not giving up the chase but must rue its losses to Inter Monaro and Uruguayan Penrith at the Gabbie now that the title is so close, yet so far.

The Demons are at home to Canberra City, another title contender in the last round and that will only add spice to the last round of the premiership.

Canberra disposed of Wollongong Macedonia

easier than I believed they would and that is a good omen for them as they travel to Sydney to face Blacktown.

Not so good for Wollongong Macedonia — who are now faced with Rockdale Ilinden and Warringah Freshwater — hoping to take all the points and survive.

Tall order indeed, but if you consider the fact that Rockdale has played erratically all season and that Warringah has five players sidelined with injury then chances are still there.

Canterbury Marrickville was beaten at Arlington by Blacktown and that in itself was not a disgrace but the Berries have an awful problem. Postponed game versus Manly then the might of Melita Eagles in the last round!

Uruguayan Penrith added another scalp to its

tally, beating Newcastle at Adamstown last Saturday night and the echo from the Steel City is the same as from many grounds in the last seven rounds: "What a team!"

Six wins and a draw from the last seven matches is a good record indeed and the scouts from the NSL clubs are after Raul Blanco one more time.

This time they might be a little too late.

Manly Warringah has all but survived in the League after a hard fought draw with Sutherland. Manly now needs one point from its last three matches to ensure a place in the State League for 1988.

MELITA'S McFADDEN — MAGIC!

PAUL McFadden's excellent fitness and deceptive pace, which has helped Melita Eagles to one league championship, is to the fore once again.

Whilst playing with the Scottish Premier League club Motherwell F.C. as a valued member of their U18 league side, this excellent finisher moved up through the ranks until he became a full-time professional with the club, playing over 150 games and scoring many goals as the main striker.

This skill and commitment, which are just some of McFadden's fortes, was noticed in his younger days by the then Motherwell manager, Jock Wallace (the present coach of Seville FC, Spain), when he quickly snapped the player up and signed him for the Motherwell club.

The Glaswegian made two international appearances for the Scottish Youth team, and has never looked back since. He went from strength to strength playing against such greats as Mo Johnston and Willie McNally.

After his contract ended, McFadden decided to leave Motherwell and tread on new ground. His reputation preceded him in Scotland and overseas with clubs wanting his signature. McFadden delayed his decision and was about to fly to Belgium where he was asked to try out for a first division team there.

Then Melita Eagles heard of the skilled striker and in June 1986 they signed him, bringing him out to Australia straight away.

Once settling down with the outfit, the explosive striker showed his worth by scoring four goals in six matches.

Now well into the 1987 season, McFadden has once again shown his exceptional ability. Not only does the 21 year old blitz the opposition with precise passing and marksmanship, but he occasionally drops back to help out the Eagles' defence.

— FROM DAVID MISFUD



WOLLONGONG WOLVES' REG CHILBY strides out during his clubs NSL days last year. A return is imminent it would seem.

STUART THE STALWART DOES IT YET AGAIN

ROBBIE STUART, the Manly Warringah stalwart, scored his fourth goal in the last six matches to earn his side a hard fought draw against Sutherland Shire at Seymour Shaw Park last Sunday.

His 64th minute free kick was bent to perfection leaving Burchmore helpless in goal for Sutherland.

Stuart was on the mark two weeks ago against Newcastle to give the Seaside's its first win in 13 matches but his goal against Sutherland will be noted as the one that had given Manly another season, at least, in the State Bank League.

Tony Caban scored at the start of the second half

for Sutherland and it looked as if the locals would get the points until that well executed free kick by Stuart.

Sutherland launched many promising attacks throughout the match and had the game in its keeping for majority of the time.

But its finishing was awful. Add to this the fact that Wayne Pearce played his best game of the season and you will find the answer to the drawn game.

For the Sharks this would have to be the worst finish to the season in many years.

Two wins in the last seven matches is hardly the effort which would lift them higher than seventh for the season.

Manly will now go into its postponed match against Canterbury fighting for another draw at least which will ensure their safety.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R.O'Shea, Sellar, Terry, J.O'Shea, Meades, Parsons, Lerond, Sharpe, Caban.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Tingle, DeGraaf, Sestonovich, Pearce, Dennis, Williamson, Juergens, Smith (28th Rimmer), Stuart, Etherington, Ferguson.

DEFENDERS GET GLORY, GOALS

BLACKTOWN CITY brushed past Manly Warringah last Wednesday night at Melita Stadium with Ralph Maier, Glen Sterrey and Kurt Reynolds, the Demons defenders, scoring the bulk of the goals from set plays.

Manly started off dynamically but it was Blacktown's Paul Kay who made the decisive run in the 17th minute to make some room for himself inside the penalty area before cutting back for Grant Lee to score with a diving header.

Manly continued to press forward and Steve Watson, Blacktown's goalkeeper was forced to make two saves within minutes of each other.

But, Blacktown did not get rattled and soon found themselves two up.

A corner kick by Jason Van Blerk and Maier was on hand to head into an empty net.

Almost from the kick off Manly was dispossessed and Sandy employed Lee with a superbly weighted through ball. Lee faced the keeper but hit the woodwork.

A superb volley by Maier was brilliantly saved by Tingle in the 38th, but the keeper could do very little with a Sterrey glancing header following a chip by

Kay in the 42nd minute to give Blacktown a 3-0 lead.

Lee beat the offside trap to score number four in the 51st after a through ball by Kay then Reynolds completed the rout with a well taken but controversial penalty decision in the 80th.

Lee appeared to have brushed against the back of Wayne Pearce as he stroled into the penalty area then fell to the ground. Pearce claimed the incident was outside the box.

However, that incident apart Manly was hardly in the game in the second half and had Lee taken chances in the 54th, 60th and 74th the scoreline could have been similar to that of the Gabbie encounter when the Demons netted seven.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Reynolds, Northam, Sterrey, Denyer, Kay (Cotton 54th), Byrne (Jeffrey 46th), Sandy, Lee, Van Blerk.

MANLY WARRINGAH: Tingle, Dennis, Sestonovich, Pearce, Stuart, Williamson, Juergens, Carrick, Cimerosti, Etherington, Ferguson (40th De Graaf).



BLACKTOWN'S GRANT LEE goes up for a header.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE HERE WE COME!

NEXT SUNDAY, at about five o'clock in the afternoon, you can bet your boots Wollongong City will be in the National Soccer League as premiers of the NSW State Bank League.

Wollongong City is not one of the flashy sides in this League and their position must be attributed to some hard work plus an exceptional array of set play movements which have netted this side many a goal.

It is in this department that I saw Manly falter badly against Blacktown City last Wednesday night. Well if you are to meet the masters of set play situations then the result becomes a foregone conclusion.

Blacktown City and Canberra Griffins will battle it out at the Gabbie hoping that Wollongong slips up against one of the relegation candidates. And that will be my pick of matches in this round.

Canberra won their last encounter by two clear goals at Bruce but I am not so sure that the Griffins could repeat the dose against an in-form Blacktown City.

This Saturday Newcastle will entertain Rockdale Ilinden and with all the talk of takeovers at Newcastle by either Austral or Rosebuds I believe that the visi-

tors could take at least one if not both points.

Inter Monaro will have its hands full with Ku-Ring-Gai at Marco Polo, Sutherland will be hard pressed to stop the entertainers from the west, Uruguayan Penrith.

Melita Eagles will have very little to play for against Canterbury except its own pride and I feel that this fact will be sufficient to see the Eagles home.

As for Warringah Freshwater and Wollongong Macedonia one must look into the glass bowl hoping to find the outcome. Macedonia has everything to play for, and Freshwater has heaps of injuries. Surprise win to the visitors?

Postponed matches to take place during the week will include Rockdale Ilinden versus Wollongong Macedonia as well as Manly versus Canterbury.

These games will have a direct bearing on who will be relegated this season and Macedonia will start favourites against Rockdale whilst Canterbury has an edge over Manly in skill but the Eagles seem to have the determination.

WOLVES NEARLY THERE



PAUL KAY doing all his power to take the State League title to Blacktown City.

CITY KEEP THEIR GRIP

WOLLONGONG City Wolves snared two more vital points at the Showground; this time at the expense of Inter Monaro, to keep their hold on the State League title.

It was not an entertaining game by any stretch of the imagination but I am sure that Rade Stefanovski, Wolves' two goal hero, would not agree.

The man who supplied most of the footwork and passes for his front running duo of Giraldi and Easthorpe this season turned in one of the best performances to date to snatch his own just reward.

His first goal in the 37th minute was a sight for sore eyes as he latched onto the ball some 18 metres from goal to smash a superb volley past Maricic and give his side a valuable two goal lead.

Earlier on Mark Holifield's attempted cross took a nasty bounce inside the penalty area and the unfortunate Dennis Maricic, who had the ball covered, slipped and allowed it to bounce over him and into the net.

Early in the second half Inter Monaro bounced back and looked threatening. It was all systems go for the visitors from Queanbeyan as Marko Perinovic gave his side a new lease of life with one of the best goals seen at the Showground.

His free kick from some 25 metres almost took the netting apart leaving Warwick Young hapless.

Some anxious moments for the locals followed before Stefanovski took a hand in the decisive third goal which literally took the breath out of Inter.

Jeff Ainsworth found Roberto Giraldi and his

cross was tucked away by Stefanovski for the final goal and the scoreline of 3-1.

Randell Easthorpe missed a sitter with five minutes to go when he managed to beat two defenders then wrong foot the keeper before pushing his shot wide of the post.

For Stefanovski it was a game of mixed fortunes. He also received a yellow card.

It came after he scored his first goal. He took a



JOCK MORLANDO

lap of honour, taking off his shirt in the progress and waving it to the crowd. His attempt to emulate the style of Chris Kalantzis finished with more than one note in the referee's book — one for the goal and the other for an offence.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Morlando, Dickson, Holifield, Cokely, Ainsworth, Brodnik (Kotamanidis 70th), Giraldi, Easthorpe, Stefanovski.

INTER MONARO: Maricic, Domazetovich, Gaggetti, Arthur, Titlas, Ambrosino, A. Monterosso (78th Waga), Panebianco, Perinovic, Fernandez, Colbertaldo (70th Blanch).

The NSW State League

STATE LEAGUE
DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong City.....	25	19	2	4	55	30	40
Blacktown City.....	25	19	1	5	60	17	39
Canberra Griffins.....	25	17	4	4	51	19	38
Melita Eagles.....	24	14	5	5	47	29	33
Uruguayan.....	25	11	4	10	45	40	26
Sutherland Shire.....	25	8	8	9	30	35	24
Rockdale Ilinden.....	22	9	3	10	33	27	21
W.Freshwater.....	24	9	2	13	25	32	20
Ku-ring-gai.....	24	7	5	12	29	36	19
Newcastle.....	25	8	3	14	34	45	19
Inter Monaro.....	23	6	6	11	41	53	18
Manly Warr.....	23	6	3	13	17	44	15
Canterbury.....	24	4	6	14	23	59	14
Wollongong Mac.....	24	3	6	15	19	43	12

Wednesday, 26th August
BLACKTOWN CITY 5 (Lee 2, Sterrey, Maier, Reynolds) MANLY WARRINGAH 0

Saturday, 29th August
WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Stefanovski 2, Holifield) INTER MONARO 1 (Perinovic)

NEWCASTLE 0 URUGUAYAN PENRITH 2 (Hunter, Bland og).

CANTERBURY - MANLY WARRINGAH, postponed

Sunday, 30th August

MELITA EAGLES - KU-RING-GAI, postponed

SUTHERLAND 1 (Caban) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Stuart)

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER - ROCKDALE ILINDEN, postponed

CANBERRA GRIFFINS 3 (Bryant 2, Sermani) WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA 0

CANTERBURY 1 (Mickovski) BLACKTOWN CITY 4 (Maier 2, Lee, Van Blerk)

The NSW Top Scorers

19. Reis (Canberra)
13. Easthorpe (Wollongong City), Perinovic (IM)
12. Giraldi (Wollongong City)
11. Batten (Uruguayan Penrith)
10. Jeffery (K)
9. Giampaolo (IM), Reynolds, Lee (BC), Bottalico (RI), G. Brown (ME), McKie (UP)
8. Kay, Ainsworth, Brodnik (WC), Fernandez (IM), Rodriguez, Vial (ME), Caisley (N)
7. Caban (S), Maier (BC), Dounis (RI), Genc (UP)
6. Penfold, N. Drysdale (N)

Rain fails to dampen Penrith's progress

URUGUAYAN Penrith continued its great run by beating Newcastle at Adamstown last Saturday in one of the most exciting games this season.

Once again the visitors showed that attack is the best way to defend and drew caution to the wind and thrilling a small band of spectators.

In the slippery condition or, I would have excused both sides had they decided to play it safe and wait for the other to make an error. However, that was not the case.

An Ian Hunter volley in the 20th minute of the first half gave Carter no chance and from then on it was always going to be Uruguay.

With 20 minutes remaining a Gonzales through ball found John McKie and his low cross was put away by Steve Bland. An own goal to close the issue but a goal nevertheless that gave the

visitors their sixth win in the last seven matches.

Without Penfold and from half time the speed of Caisley the locals hardly matched the speed of their opponent and the change in goal for the Newcastle side did little to enhance their chances.

As for Uruguayan it was a matter of superior ball work in midfield with Arcosa, Genc and Bradley always dominant whilst the speed of Hunter and the enterprise of Benitez and McKie provided many a thrilling moment.

NEWCASTLE: Carter, Milosevic, Roberts, Bowen, M. Drysdale, N. Drysdale, McGuinness, Mountford, Cavanah, Caisley (Rowney 46th), Bland.

URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare, O'Donnell, Bourke, Gonzales, Arcosa (85th Calver), Hunter (75th Vial), Bradley, Benitez, Genc, McKie.

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SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Newcastle Rosebud

Vs Rockdale Ilinden

Adamstown Oval

2ND DIVISION

Campbelltown City
Nth Syd Artamon
Kingsford

Vs Queens Park
Vs Bathurst 75
Vs Nth Bankstown

Lynwood Park
Aratamon Res
Kensington Pk

3RD DIVISION

Moorebank
Bondi Marine
Canterbury
Uni of NSW

Vs Nth Ryde RSL
Vs Mt Druitt Town
Vs Baulkham Hills
Vs King Tomislav

Hammondville Pk
ES Marks Field
Mackey Park
Little Bay Oval

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Inter Monaro
Wollongong City
Sutherland
Warringah F/Water
Blacktown City
Melita Eagles

Vs Ku-ring-gai
Vs Manly Warringah
Vs Uruguayan Penrith
Vs Wollongong Mac
Vs Canberra City
Vs Cant M'ville Oly

Marco Polo Gd
Wollongong S/G
Seymour Shaw Park
Graham Res
Gabbie Stad
Melita Stad

2ND DIVISION

Kingsford
Avala
Gladesville Hby
Nth Bankstown
Blacktown United

Vs Sydney Maccabi
Vs Dee Why Swans
Vs SSC Yugal
Vs Fairy Meadow
Vs Polonia

Kensington Park
Knight Pk No.4
Magdala Park
Potts Park
Francis Park No2

3RD DIVISION

Granville Chile
Rooty Hill
Concordia
Uni of NSW

Vs Port Hacking
Vs West United
Vs Campbelltown
Vs Bondi

Garside Park
Cawarra Park
Arlington Oval
Little Bay Oval

State Bank



OAKLEIGH's NICK LACETAS sets himself for a crack at goal.

POLONIA IS RUNNING LATE

By LES SHORROCK

HAS Polonia missed the bus? ITS defeat at home last week has thrown the whole title race wide open, coupled as it was with Caulfield's triumph at Western Suburbs.

The pack now snapping at Polonia's heels have a game in hand too, which could prove decisive.

The clincher could come in the round after next when Caulfield plays Polonia at home, always provided of course, that Caulfield survives this week's game with Box Hill safely.

The relegation struggle is proving equally engrossing.

Northcote City's decisive win over struggling Oakleigh has given it a glimmer of hope, whilst Frankston Pines also edged a little nearer to the abyss.

The question of who takes the drop along with doomed Broadmeadows might not be settled until the last kick, and even then goal difference might prove decisive.

My tips are: CAULFIELD, ST. ALBANS, POLONIA, CROYDON CITY, SPRINGVALE CITY, FAWKNER, GREEN GULLY, AIS.

Considering the loss of six key players in the course of this season, the Saints have excelled in remaining competitive and keep pace with the leaders of the competition.

The critics rushed to write them off when the massive loss of players started at the beginning of the season.

Long serving veteran Zdenko Brclagic retired during the Buffalo Cup. Reliable defenders Ante Kastura and Bezic sustained serious injuries, midfielder Ned Batinovci has disappeared and striker Mark Wilson has deserted the club, while last week senior goalkeeper Mate Grgic

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

SAINT Albans kept alive their top four aspirations with a 1-1 draw against Morwell Falcons, at Morwell.

was struck by appendicitis.

The Saints also missed the services of their midfielder Duzel and defender Robert Krajacic, due to serious injury.

But the player St. Albans could not afford to miss is the leading goalscorer Dennis Morovic.

The deadly striker proved the outstanding threat for Morwell's goal and it was brilliant goalkeeping by Prezioso that prevented him from netting in the first half.

But Morwell had the better of the play and raced to the lead in the opening half when youngster Pat Bezzina latched on to a through

ball from Effie Cassar.

Bezzina's shot was blocked but striker Stan Webster was on hand to slot the ball in the back of the net.

The Falcons continued dominating in the second half but with only 10 minutes to go Saint Albans drew level with a goal by Morovic.

Lurking in the box Morovic deflected in the net a cross by Branko Culina to increase his tally for the season to 16 goals.

MORWELL: Prezioso, M.Cassar, Clarke, Tutill, Bruns, Doyle, O'Callaghan, E.Cassar, Bezzina, A.Cassar, Webster.

SAINT ALBANS: Rados, Dragovic, M.Culina, Runje, Krajacic, Kuzman, B.Culina, Duzel, Rastocici (Gagula 70), Kelic, Morovic.

LATE PENALTY WIN

A LATE penalty gave Thomastown a slender 1-0 win over relegation prospect Broadmeadows City.

In a game of fluctuating fortunes, Thomastown were forced to wait for 80 minutes before they were able to claim the points.

Thomastown dominated the opening half and should have wrapped the game had its forwards being more accurate with their last efforts.

The first chance fell to Thomastown after 15 minutes, but defender Andy Higgins guided his

powerful header against the crossbar.

Five minutes later, Thomastown defender Akarachi shocked the crowd with a shot against the crossbar.

As the game grew under Thomastown became more frustrated with their inability to score.

A late goal from the penalty spot enabled them to celebrate their ninth win for the season.

Sam Carfora was brought down inside the Broadmeadows area and the referee pointed to the spot. Veteran forward Bobby McGuinness converted, thus slaving the reputation of his team.

THOMASTOWN: Riponi, McMillan, Higgins, Akarachi, Costantino, Carfora, Cristaldo, Mihailidis, Coyle (Planalto 70) Atheraych, McGuinness.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Smart, Borg, Donaldson, Higham, Vizzini, S.Blair, T.Clanter, Nolan, J. Clanter D.Blair.

CAULFIELD'S CRUSH

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

CAULFIELD City crushed arch rivals Western Suburbs 1-0 to remain in the race for the title.

With their eyes set on the title Caulfield seized the initiative right from the outset and held their opponents captive until the final whistle.

Con Pappas led the onslaught with some sizzling shots but the former Heidelberg midfielder failed to hit the target.

Sensing the danger Western Suburbs withdrew in defence and their only effort in the opening half of the game sailed wide of the target.

Caulfield maintained their pace after the resumption, though playing against the wind, and came close to grabbing the lead in the 50th minute when Angie Philipou

broke clear but, with the keeper to beat, hammered the ball wide.

Midfielder Andrew Theoharous broke the deadlock in the 57th minute, tapping in the net a cross by Pappas, thus punishing the opposing defenders for their hesitation to clear the ball.

The westerners displayed some fighting spirit after the goal with striker Andy Edwards being the main link in their attacks.

In fact, Edwards almost grabbed the equaliser in the 65th minute with a powerful shot which forced Caulfield keeper Robert Madjer to go airborne to parry the shot



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over the bar.

Caulfield finished the game in high gear, confirming their determination to finish the season with top honors.

WESTS: Matziazarou, McLeod, Hamill, Dimovski, Espostio, Culien, Stefanidis (Kotsafis 80), Kountouris, Tuck, Edwards, Minh.
CAULFIELD: Madjer, Bitsonis, Michael, Harris, Coultis, Theoharous, Tsiatridis (Abraam 60), Griffin, Deligiannis (Sahinidis 34), Pappas, Philipou.

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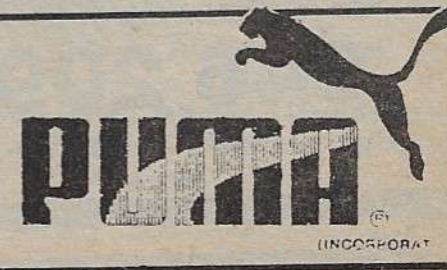
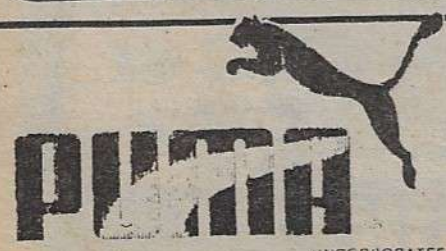
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ALTHOUGH the quality of soccer was blown away in gale force winds, there were very few upsets. With the exception of Dallas United, who were swept away 3-1 by Kings Park Heights, and Windsor, whose game was abandoned, all first and second placed teams won and consolidated their positions.

In the highest-scoring match of the round, Apollo United felt the loss of their regular goalkeeper as an in-form Meko Holdings blasted seven goals past their defence. Not to be outdone, however, Apollo United knocked in four of their own, contributing to a thoroughly entertaining match.

It is unusual for a referee to gain top marks from a losing team, but Mr Moore was given 10 out of 10 by Jimmy Kriaris, the Apollo coach.

In other games, second-placed Middle Park accounted for Fogolar Furlan 4-2, and Glenroy Doxa had the better of Preston Pythons 3-1. With a game in hand, it is still mathematically possible for Glenroy Doxa to sneak into second place, but the more logical forecast is for the present rankings to remain unchanged.

Other sound wins in this division were recorded by the much improved Australian Airlines, who downed Essendon Tramways 4-2, and by Altona Ilinden, who had a convincing 4-1 win over ANZ Bank.

In the second division, Highpoint (1st), Fibremakers United (2nd) and Footscray United (3rd) all had sound wins. With the advantage of a game in hand, and a goal difference of +42 (Highpoint +43), Footscray United could still snatch top spot.

The other wild card in this division is held by Flamingo, also winners, whose three games in hand give them the potential of moving at least into the top 3; but the Sparrows' hopes were finally dashed when they went down 2-1 to Highpoint.

Northern Cross/St Helena consolidated their grip on the division 3 East Championship with a 2-1 win over Swinburne, but will have to watch out for Bowater Scott, who continued their run of outstanding form in downing Dandenong Condors 3-0.

The championship of this division could well go right down to the wire, as Bowater Scott meet the Northerners in the last match of the season.

Division 3 West remains a little more open, as only seven points separate the top seven teams.

PINES SALVAGE POINT IN GREAT COMEBACK

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

FRANKSTON PINES came from behind to salvage a valuable championship point, in their battle to stave off relegation.

Prompted by the realisation that every point counts at this crucial stage of the journey, Frankston staged a comeback and shared the spoils of a 1-1 draw against Box Hill.

The Hillmen had moved in top gear from the start of the game and surged to the lead after 15 minutes when Jim McBride outwitted Frankston's defence and cracked a winner from close range.

Frankston coach Danny McMinimee was critical of his defenders, arguing they should have done better in closing McBride down inside the

box.

Far from beaten, the Pines fought back aiming at the equaliser. But it eluded them before the break when Bozic spotted Box Hill keeper John McKinlay off his line and whipped the ball over his head. Much to his dismay his lob floated over the crossbar.

Box Hill had another lucky escape, two minutes into the second half when Armstrong rattled the crossbar from close range.

Pines increased the pressure on their opponents in the closing stages of the game and managed to level the

score minutes before time when Peter Thurlow planted a header in the roof of the net.

But, despite the result, the Pines are far from safe. With a point separating them from second last Northcote, they are still within the relegation zone.

Their future in the State League very much hinges on the outcome of Sunday's game against Polonia at home.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, McArthur, Davidson, Hird, Hennessey, Burton, Roodhouse, Brimmer, Campbell, McBride, Mori (McAleer 70). FRANKSTON PINES: Radov, Thurlow, Paulding (Smith 60), McDonough, Ferris (Harvey 75), Bentley, Riley, Bozic, Miller, Armstrong, Watson.

TITLE IS OPEN AGAIN

By LES SHORROCK

A LAST gasp penalty decided this game for Fawkner and, at the same time, threw the State League championship wide open again.

Maribyrnong Polonia, which has now not scored a goal of its own for three weeks, is badly missing Greg Warszawski in attack. Warszawski has not played for a month, and his absence has loaded all the goalscoring labours on to Kees Storm's shoulders.

With so much at stake, both sides in this encounter were ultra-cautious

and defences were well on top throughout.

But just as the game looked like ending in stalemate, big Aki Kotsamichalis was adjudged to have fouled Fawkner striker Ian Tuffield and Doug Brown made no mistake with the spot-kick.

Polonia coach Rab Nelson was bitterly disap-

pointed at the outcome, but refused to criticise referee John Stojkovic, who he considers amongst the top three in the State.

POLONIA: Kostazewa, Liplarski, Bennett, Smolarek, Lakić, Flavel, Nelson, Czapnik, Chetcuti (Marshall 75th), Wycieltyk, Storm.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Schipano, Ferla, Fattore, Sabatino (Pancinelli 75th), Stenson, Verrechia, Bordignon, Palinkas, Tuffield, Brown.

OAKLEIGH SLIP CLOSER TO RELEGATION ABYSS

By LES SHORROCK

NORTHCOTE CITY pushed Oakleigh a little nearer to the relegation abyss with this spirited 2-1 win in the all-Greek derby last Saturday.

Oakleigh, well aware of the importance of the game, and rent with internal dissent and the sacking of coach Tommy Robertson, tried to motivate its players with the offer of a \$100 per man bonus for a win.

But, there was never any danger of a collect after the first eight minutes of the game.

That was when Northcote won a corner on the left flank. Pedro Ramos took it and lanky Jim Small, whose name is a misnomer, rose high to head past Oakleigh keeper Mike Iakomedes.

It was the dream start match the team had wished for and after that it never looked back.

Another eight minutes

later it went further ahead, through a bit of pure South American magic from Ramos. He played a neat one-two with diminutive Peter Constantinou, who then fed him a neat through pass and Ramos hooked the ball into the net before Iakomedes could even blink.

Oakleigh, to its credit, refused to lie down and urged on from the back by acting caretaker-coach-trainer-captain-in-spirer (but does he pick the team?) Paul Langsbury, it tried valiantly to get back in the game.

But, whenever its forwards got within sight of goal, they found North-

cote goalie John Giannapoulos in inspired form.

He saved bravely from both Steve Irvine and Peter Vardaxis when a goal might have proved vital.

For me, the star of the match was Ramos, with his veteran team-mate George Bozikis not far behind.

Rothmans Medal winner Ally Dick worked very hard for Oakleigh, but lacked support. Dick is unsettled at Oakleigh and has deferred signing for next season so far.

NORTHCOTE: Giannapoulos, Tsangas, Leonardos, Kouremenos, Patiniotis, Small, Temos, Ramos, Bozikis, Constantinou, Giannopoulos (Toro 75th).

OAKLEIGH: Iakomedes, Laletas, Grutzmacher, Politis, Langsbury, Irvine, Vardaxis, Andriotis (Guscio 55th), Gourilas, Dick, Ross.

STATE LEAGUE

AS AT AUGUST 29 FIRSTS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Maribyrnong	25	15	6	4	37	23	36
Caulfield City	24	12	8	4	35	20	32
Fawkner	24	13	6	5	37	23	32
Green Gully	24	11	10	3	37	24	32
St. Albans	24	10	10	4	31	23	30
Thomastown	24	9	9	6	27	29	27
Morwell Falcons	25	6	12	7	28	26	24
Western Suburbs	25	9	6	10	37	36	24
Box Hill	24	6	9	9	32	27	21
Springvale City	24	5	11	8	26	29	21
Croydon City	23	4	12	7	20	24	20
Oakleigh	24	8	3	13	33	38	19
Frankston Pines	24	6	6	12	32	43	18
Northcote City	24	6	5	13	22	42	17
Broadmeadows	24	3	3	18	21	48	9

LEAGUE RESULTS

MORWELL 1 (Webster) ST. ALBANS 1 (Morovic). NORTHCOTE 2 (Small, Ramos) OAKLEIGH 0. WESTERN SUB 0 CAULFIELD 1 (Theoharous). SPRINGVALE 1 (Morrey) CROYDON 2 (French 2). BOX HILL 1 (McBride) FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Thurlow). POLONIA 0 FAWKNER 1 (Brown). THOMASTOWN 1 (McGuinness) BROADMEADOWS 0. AIS 1 (Clarkson) GREEN GULLY 0.

Leading goalscorers: 16 D. Morovic (St. Albans), 13 J. Sweeney (Green Gully), 11 D. Brown (Fawkner), 10 I. Tuffield (Fawkner), D. Tuck (Western Suburbs), 9 R. McGuinness (Thomastown), G. Warszawski (Polonia), 8 A. Dick (Oakleigh, inc 3 for Pines), G. House (Springvale), K. Storm (Polonia), 7 C. Bekiaris (Northcote), S. Irvine (Oakleigh), P. Kadlecik (Broadmeadows).

VICTORIAN FIXTURES

VIC STATE LEAGUE SATURDAY SEPT 5th RD 27 St Albans v Thomastown, Caulfield City v Box Hill.

VIC STATE LEAGUE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th Frankston Pines v Maribyrnong, Croydon City v Northcote City, Broadmeadows v Springvale City, Fawkner v Morwell Falcons, AIS v Western Suburbs, Green Gully v Oakleigh.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 1 SATURDAY AUGUST 29th RD 23 Doncaster Rovers v Essendon City, Altona Gate v Nunawading City, Knox City v Richmond, North Dandenong v Albion Rovers, Bulleen v Sm Mordialloc.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5th Melbourne v Ringwood City, Werribee v Sunbury United.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 2 SATURDAY SEPT 5th RD 24 Clifton Hill v Eltham, Westgate v Mooroolbark, Altona City v Essendon, Waverley City v Mornington, Dandenong City v North Geelong, Hamlyn Rangers v Prahran City, Sandringham v Ringwood United.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 3 Port Melbourne v Clarinda, Moorabbin City v Geelong, Moreland Park Rangers v Corio-Geelong Utd, Keilor v Rosanna, Bell Park v Springvale United, Fernside Gully v Yarraville, Yallourn v West Brunswick.

VIC LEAGUE DIV 4 Diamond Valley Utd v Holland Park, Hawthorn v Keysborough, Coburg v Langwarrin, Boronia v Lalor United, Karingal United v Prahran, East Brunswick v Williamstown, Seaford v Pascoe Vale.

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CABRAMATTA WIN CUP IN THRILLER

By JOHNNY WARREN

CABRAMATTA won its first ever Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup when it defeated West Wallsend in a thrilling final 2-1 at Marconi Stadium last Thursday evening.

Cabramatta was totally in control in the first half, which saw them miss countless numbers of chances before Ozcan Celic opened the scoring in the 31st minute.

West Wallsend hit the bar with a free kick during the first half, this being their only real goalscoring chance.

As the rain started just on the interval and continued to pour during the second half it was West Wallsend which came back into the game, obviously pleased with the heavier conditions.

Fifteen minutes into the second half Evan Daunt equalised and just as the match seemed destined for extra time Cabramatta's Hugo Portan scored the winner with

just 45 seconds remaining.

Player of the match was Cabramatta's Tony Telisman.

The player of the entire Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup series went to Milan Blagojevic of Cabramatta.

A hat-trick from East Hills' Melinda Bullivant enabled East Hills to beat Kirrawee 3-2 in the girls' final which was played before the boys' final at Marconi Stadium.

East Hills led all the way — 1-0, 2-0, 2-1 (halftime) 3-1 and 3-2 just five minutes before full time.

Katrina Shoblan scored both goals for Kirrawee.

Melinda Bullivant was voted "woman" of the match and Penrith's Denie Pentecost the player of the series.



MELINDA BULLIVANT from East Hills (Player of Final).



Penrith High's DENIE PENTECOST (Player of Series).



TONY TELISMAN — Cabramatta's Player of Final.



MILAN BLAGOJEVIC of Cabra High (Player of Series).



The Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup has long been a stepping stone for progression to more senior ranks. Craig Johnston of the famed English Merseyside Liverpool, played in the Cup when his school Booragul High won the Championship.

The Cabramatta squad was: John Lopez, Hugo Portan, Jovan Srbijan, Stevan Milovanovic, Gurkan Tasdemir, Vladimir Alemany, Aleks Romc, Christian Becerra, Tony Tellman, Dragan Bogicevic, Ozcan Celic, Milan Balgojevic, Goran Likoski, Paul Cortes, Bob Ivastanin, Armando Lay. Coach: Kevin Molyneux.

MacLEOD REVEALS IT ALL

LES SHORROCK gets behind the scenes in the Gus MacLeod sacking

GUS STICKS TO HIS GUNS

"LET'S GET one thing straight from the start, I didn't resign, I was sacked". That's how Gus MacLeod reacted when I went to interview him after he had left his beloved Green Gully.

As everyone who knows him would testify, Gus is not one to mince words. He always comes straight to the point, just as he never took a backward step as a player.

"I'm very upset with a couple of journalists in Melbourne, too," he says, warming to the subject, "who rushed into print with the club's version of what happened."

"If they had bothered to check with me they would have had the truth. On the Monday night after we had been beaten by Caulfield City, the committee met and officially decided to throw in the towel as far as the League was concerned."

"Polonia was five points clear with five games to go, and as far as the committee was concerned, that was it."

"So, when we turned up for training on the Tuesday night, the president, Vic Farrugia, came into the dressing room and told the players that we wouldn't win the League."

"Then he told me that it had been decided I should drop four senior players from the squad to save money and replace them

with four of the youth team, 'to see how they would go for next year,' as he put it."

"I told him I would do no such thing, I was there to do the job the best way I knew how, and I didn't agree that Gully's cause was hopeless."

"I said 'what's the alternative if I don't do as you want' and he said 'you'll have to go' — and I went."

"If I had bowed to the committee's demands, I'd still be there, but I'm no yesman and never will be."

"As for saying I resigned, that's rubbish. What coach would resign with his team joint second, and still in the Dockerty Cup which we won last year?"

"After I'd gone, and let me say here and now that I don't think they expected me to call their bluff, the committee asked Tommy Cumming to take over as caretaker-coach."

"Tommy asked if the same conditions about dropping players applied to him as well, and they said, pick who you like and he did."

"That was on the Friday, though, and I think by

then they were panicking to bit. I've heard since that Tommy is only taking training, and of course for this week's game in Canberra against AIS they have swapped four senior players for four youths."

"That way it looks as if they are getting their way, but I bet if Polonia loses a game and Gully looks like catching up, they won't stick to that policy."

My sacking was purely political, because the supporters were getting on the committee's back, not mine, and to appease the supporters they had to put out the story that I had quit."

I had no intention of quitting, I had an obligation to the players, and I didn't intend ever to go back on it."

What is remarkable about MacLeod's reign this season at Green Gully is that as far back as early June, during the NSL break I covered a match at the Gully and even then there were committeemen muttering about his selection — yet the team went unbeaten longer than any other team in the VSF."

It wasn't until the 19th round that Gully eventually tasted defeat, and when MacLeod left, his record stood at 13 wins, 10 draws and 3 losses, including two Cup victories."

It's hardly the formula

for sacking your coach is it?

MacLeod has been closely identified with Green Gully ever since arriving in Australia in 1980.

MacLeod has enjoyed some great times at Gully."

"But, the real problems at Gully started at the end of last season. Guy Spiteri, who for me was Mr Green Gully, quit for a rest and when the present lot got in it was the end of the club's stability," he said.

"The club was \$23,000 in the red, but the takings from the mini-World Cup wiped that off, and we started '87 all square."

"But, we had no money to pay signing-on fees and all the players' contracts were up for renewal. I persuaded all the senior players to re-sign without fees, which must have saved the club about \$50,000."

"It was no small matter. Players like Tommy umming and Stuart Cannel could command at least \$5000 each in signing-on fees."

"In fact, St Albans was so desperate to get Cannel that they offered him \$8000, but he stuck with me."

"That was where the managerial expertise came in. I couldn't buy a player unless I sold one, and the supporters had to



A sight to make any goalkeeper quake in his boots... Gus MacLeod heading for another Green Gully goal, hotly pursued by Sunshine's Steve Ellis.

chip in to buy Joe Sweeney, who has scored 13 goals since, by the way. And of course, I sold Scott Fraser to Heidelberg for \$8000."

"There's going to be some fun when they start

negotiating with the players for next season I can tell you."

MacLeod ends with a word of warning for Gully.

"I believe that two more State League clubs are

run by committeemen who think they know more than the coaches they appointed. They are Northcote City and Oakleigh."

Both are struggling against relegation."

ROBBIE DUNN CLOSE TO DECISION

By Walter Pless

SOCCEROO defender Robbie Dunn was in Hobart for four days last week attending a convention at the Wrest Point Casino.

He did not neglect his training, however, and attended Croatia-Glenor-

chy's training session at Cadbury's on the Thursday evening.

There was a familiar face there too, that of Croatia's goalkeeper, Rodney Tattam.

Dunn and Tattam were teammates at Croatia Perth when the side won the national Croatian tournament played in

Hobart several years ago.

Dunn was impressed by the training session, conducted by Croatia's player-coach, Wayne Cowen, and by the ground conditions and lighting.

"I've never played one-touch at training before," said Dunn.

"We like to try and settle on the ball a bit if we can."

"The running was fairly hard at the start and a few of the boys here are doing quite well and have impressed me."

Overseas

Dunn, who has played 27 times for Australia (13 full caps), has to make a very important decision

about his future career within the next two weeks.

Scotland's Glasgow Celtic wanted him for a six-weeks trial, but Holland's FC Utrecht has made him a firm offer and a club representative will arrive in Australia shortly with a contract.

He is keen to join the Dutch side and is currently negotiating with his club, Melbourne Croatia, in regard to his release.

Dunn is looking forward to Australia's clashes with New Zealand and believes the Socceroos can triumph.

"We proved last year we have what it takes and, for the sake of Australian soccer, we have to beat New Zealand because they're going to be the least of our worries in the year to come."

Dunn is disgusted with FIFA's recent announcement that Australia must meet a South American country if it wins the Oceania qualifying group of the 1990 World Cup before it can earn a place in the finals.

"I think it's disgusting when teams like Canada, in the last World Cup, can go straight through after three games and Australia, which played a mammoth 10 matches, won their group, then still had to play Scotland," he said.

"I think FIFA have to look at themselves here because they're on about giving Third World teams a go. I think Australia has proved we can hold our own at the front and it's ab-

out time they woke up about Australian soccer."

NSL Positions

The lanky defender also had some comments about the new, single-format national league competition, and about the performance of Melbourne Croatia.

"The West End National League has worked out well in terms of skill and playing styles but I don't know whether it's a success financially," he said.

"It's the way we had to go, however, because we haven't got enough good players for 24 teams, so 14 teams have definitely made it a better competition."

He felt that Melbourne Croatia's fortunes had improved after a somewhat shaky start.

"I suppose when we started off, we won the Buffalo Cup in Melbourne, and then the national play-off, but then we began a little bit slowly in the league."

"But, we're starting to pick up points and, instead of losing 1-0, we're drawing and winning the odd game and we're level second so we're not doing too badly."

"The change in coaches did affect the team at first because Terry Hennessey was a very likeable character who's played all over the world."

"But, Peter Ollerton has got a lot of respect in Australian soccer as well so, after a couple of weeks, all the boys settled down and didn't miss Terry Hennessey too much after that."



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BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA, who just cannot put a foot wrong after 19 successive undefeated battles, will be in no mood to all of a sudden become philanthropic on Sunday when they shape up against the visiting Sunshine George Cross at Lambert Park in Sydney.

Critics have come up with a variety of reasons of just why Apia remains the only undefeated football side of any code in Australia.

Apia's unparalleled success in the history of the N.S.L. has been put down to:

Rale Rasic's coaching.
Charlie Yankos' signing
plus the NSL's leading

goalscorer, former Marconi marksman, Rod Brown.

Further signings of Peter Katholos, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Burim Zajmi and Gary Ward etc.

But I would like to suggest a few reasons myself.

TERRY GREEDY, ARNO BERTOINA, "BENCH-POWER" and PETER TREDINNICK and TERRY BUTLER.

WHY IS APIA UNDEFEATED?

Despite not having played a match yet, the signing of World Cup goalkeeper, Terry Greedy has brought out the very best in the previously erratic, but regular custodian, Tony Pezzano.

Pezzano this season has saved Apia in more than one match with his new-found sharpness between the timbers.

Apia's very level headed captain, Arno Bertogna is yet another reason.

The ever-humble, constant thinking Bertogna,

has led his side by fine example in defence and knocking in the odd vital goal from his centre-back position whenever his men are struggling to hit the target.

Championships have always been won by consistency and "Power of The Bench".

Apia has both.

Due to their "Bench Power" Apia has consistently collected every week vital League points.

If a midfielder has been injured, Edward Lorens

has been able to come on and set up a goal.

If a striker goes down, the "humble" Gary Ward would come on and score a goal.

Apia has all season, never been caught out in any position.

This is "Bench Power". Unyielding team-spirit is vital for championship ascendancy.

Deadly Duo

And here we find mid-

fielders, Terry Butler and Peter Tredinnick as the main contributors.

Butler's and Tredinnick's extremely high work-rate has constantly over the past five months inspired a high degree of team-spirit and pride that have become contagious amongst all Apia players.

These two very fine, highly energised midfielders, are players endowed with a great sense of responsibility.

Butler and Tredinnick straight from kick-off, grind down their opponents to the point of surrender with

their constant quick shut-downs.

On the ball, again both are highly efficient.

Just ask Rod Brown who this season has taken 12 "wickets" already to lead the goalscorers.

Sunday, the League's bottom-placed Sunshine George Cross, has to face a team with such outstanding qualities.

If the Victorian side who has had one win in their last 18 outings expects to stop Apia, Sunshine George Cross will have to make a form comeback, bigger than Lazarus'.



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"WE WILL FIGHT IT OUT"

A couple of months, let alone a decade, is a long time in sport. It has been about 10 years since John Margaritis was last coach at Heidelberg and back then he and his charges thundered into the then new NSL to finish third in 1977.

Just edging into the first-team squad back then was a shy youngster by the name of Theo Selemidis.

The then Fitzroy United team wasn't the easiest of places to break into in those days with the likes of Gary Cole, Branko Buljevic, Jimmy Tansey and Jim Campbell bolstering its ranks and young Selemidis had a fair wait before forging a first-team place of his own.

Ten years on and Selemidis is almost a veteran of the NSL and back at the helm for 1987 is John Margaritis.

Only this time around the only place Heidelberg is thundering is straight down toward the foot of the ladder with just a handful of points separating it from last-placed Sunshine George Cross.

And just as a decade ago, who'd have thought Selemidis would end up as Heidelberg's skipper? Who'd have have imagined a couple of months back that the Bergers could be staring relegation in the face?

Back in May Heidelberg had just demolished Melbourne Croatia in the Beach Fashions Cup, crushed Sunshine George Cross 6-2 and won away at Preston Makedonia in the league — all in the space of 14 days.

Everything was rosy

and the Greek club from Melbourne's Olympic Village looked every bit a strong top five contender.

The Bergers have won a single league game since and had managed just four points from nine games when we caught up with troubled Heidelberg captain Selemidis last week.

Lifeline

A win over Sydney Olympic had eased the situation somewhat but the Bergers still look certain to be involved in the three-way dogfight to avoid relegation.

"Let's get one thing clear from the start," Selemidis said firmly as we commenced the interview.

"There are no internal problems at the club nor are there any problems amongst the players."

True or not Selemidis had done the right thing for the club he's played for for 10 years.

The last thing Heidelberg needs now is even the faintest hint of a scandal in the ranks.

So why had the world-beaters of two months ago crashed from grace with barely a whimper?

"Quite simply it comes down to what is happening during games," he says.

"We've really just had one hell of a lot of bad luck."

"Of course Soccer is a game of ability but luck

does play a part and we just haven't had a bit of it.

"It's just the little things that saps the team's confidence like missed chances etc."

"These are all the matches where things have been evenly placed and we've ended up losing or drawing and it just keeps going on like that."

"Most years you get games where you get a point or both and come away thinking that you were lucky to get anything."

"Those games just haven't happened in 1987."

"I know all teams have got their hard-luck stories but we really have had, this season, many times when opponents have told us how lucky they were against us."

Morale Needed

Like most of the out-of-touch Melbourne teams this season the Heidelberg lads have found confidence to be a rare commodity.

Morale has been sorely lacking at the Village in recent months but Selemidis says he's grateful that John Margaritis hasn't given his team away just yet.

"Considering the position we are in John has been great in that he still tries to make us believe in ourselves," Selemidis told me.

"There were a few games where we were really bad but John always has something positive to say to us and has shown his faith in us."

"He makes us still believe the chances will come our way."

"But confidence is certainly still a problem."

"You can tell now as we go out to play teams almost hoping to just get a point when before we would go out knowing inside that we could beat most teams."

Margaritis has vented his displeasure on the players with major shake-ups in both the make-up and structure of his first team over the last two months.

Push

He dropped his biggest bombshell by dropping big Socceroo defender Alan Hunter last month.

If anything was going to send shockwaves through the Heidelberg camp this would and the Berger's skipper believes it was the correct decision at the time.

"If nothing else the droppings and the changes have helped push us as individuals," he says.

"In Alan's case it just so happened that his opponents were scoring some



THEO SELEPIDIS

goals and I think John thought he must do something.

"And I really think it should be that way if a player is not performing."

Selemidis admits Heidelberg went through a "super confident" stage when a number of fringe players were discarded by the club in haste.

Now every man on deck counts as Heidelberg goes into the business end of the season under as much pressure as it has been for many years.

"No, of course I don't think we'll go down — but then again someone has to," he said dejectedly.

"You just never know when you're time will come because who'd have thought eight weeks ago that we would be in the position we are in?"

"I mean we still have to play Sunshine George Cross and with them having a game in hand they might only be a game behind us when we play them."

"But I think we've got enough good players to fight it out."

MARCONI'S PROMOTION

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI, for Sunday's match against visiting Sydney Olympic, has organised a big promotion which should have the fans at Marconi Stadium elated.

Whilst the Club's administrators are working on the promotional activities, coach Roberto Vieri has not been happy since last Sunday's shock away loss to Melbourne Croatia.

Vieri is in the mood to wield the axe on Friday night at training at one or two, (possibly three) players, for the Sydney Olympic match.

Marconi's skipper and ever-green centre back, Tony Henderson, said last night: "We have no injury or suspension worries for Sunday, in fact Tommy McCulloch and Craig

"It is the only team that can beat any team in the League."

"It has the League's potentially best strike-power in marksmen of the calibre of Frank Farina, Steve Maxwell, Gerardo Gomez and David Lowe."

"In Farina, Marconi has the League's best striker."

The jovial Olympic coach added: "Last Sunday against Apia, we had more crosses than the Vatican but we weren't blessed with both League points."

Marconi's array of promotional goodies for Sunday, will include:

1. Special \$10.00 Family tickets which will admit two adults and two children to the match.

2. A free raffle ticket at the gates to every fan, with the grand prize of a return air-ticket to Europe courtesy of ALITALIA.

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With 21 League points Marconi are in joint second spot on the ladder locked in with Melbourne Croatia, whilst Sydney Olympic with 20 League points are in third spot with Sydney Croatia and St George.



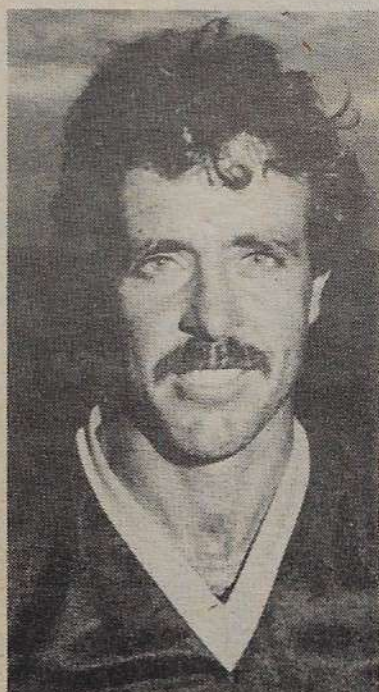
CRAIG MASON

Mason have been training well and could be added to the squad."

Sydney Olympic's coach, Eddie Thomson, said last night: "Marconi has the best squad in the League but it is also the most inconsistent."



ROD BROWN



TERRY BUTLER

APIA vs SUNSHINE G.C.

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APIA: Back Row (left to right): Joe Mirigliani, Vic Bozanic, Gary Ward, Rod Brown, Terry Greedy, Tony Pezzano, Edward Lorens, Anthony Parison, Mark Brady.

Middle Row: Rale Rasic (coach), Charlie Yankos, Jean-Paul de Marigny, Peter Katholos, Lupio Djordjeski, Alex Bundalo, Peter Tredinnick, Mike Urakalo (assistant coach).

Front Row: Mark Brown, Arno Bertogna, Ron Orsatti, Joe Prestia (club president), Burin Zajmi, Terry Butler.



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AEROBIC TRAINING

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YOUNG player, so that he will be able to keep moving at his optimum pace for ninety minutes.

i) LSD (long slow distance): A player runs a distance for a minimum of twenty minutes with the overload either being in set distance in a reduced time or an improved distance in a set time. Aim for a training pace of 4 minutes a kilometres.

ii) Faster: A distance run interested with sprints and exercises.

A variation on running which may name it more interesting and relevant to the young player is outlined in the following diagrams.

Plan (A) outlines a Soccer pitch where the following distances can be run.

Approximate Distances

1. Penalty area shuttle:
a to b to c to d + returns: 6+6+12+12+18+18 72

2. Penalty area triangle:
E to F to S to E :18+44+47 110

3. Penalty area perimeter:
E to F to G to H to E :44+18+44+18 124

4. Goal area triangle:
K to M to L to K 6+20+21 47

5. Goal area perimeter:
K to M to L to J to K :6+20+6+20 52

6. Half pitch triangle:
T to Q to U to T :55+93+75 223

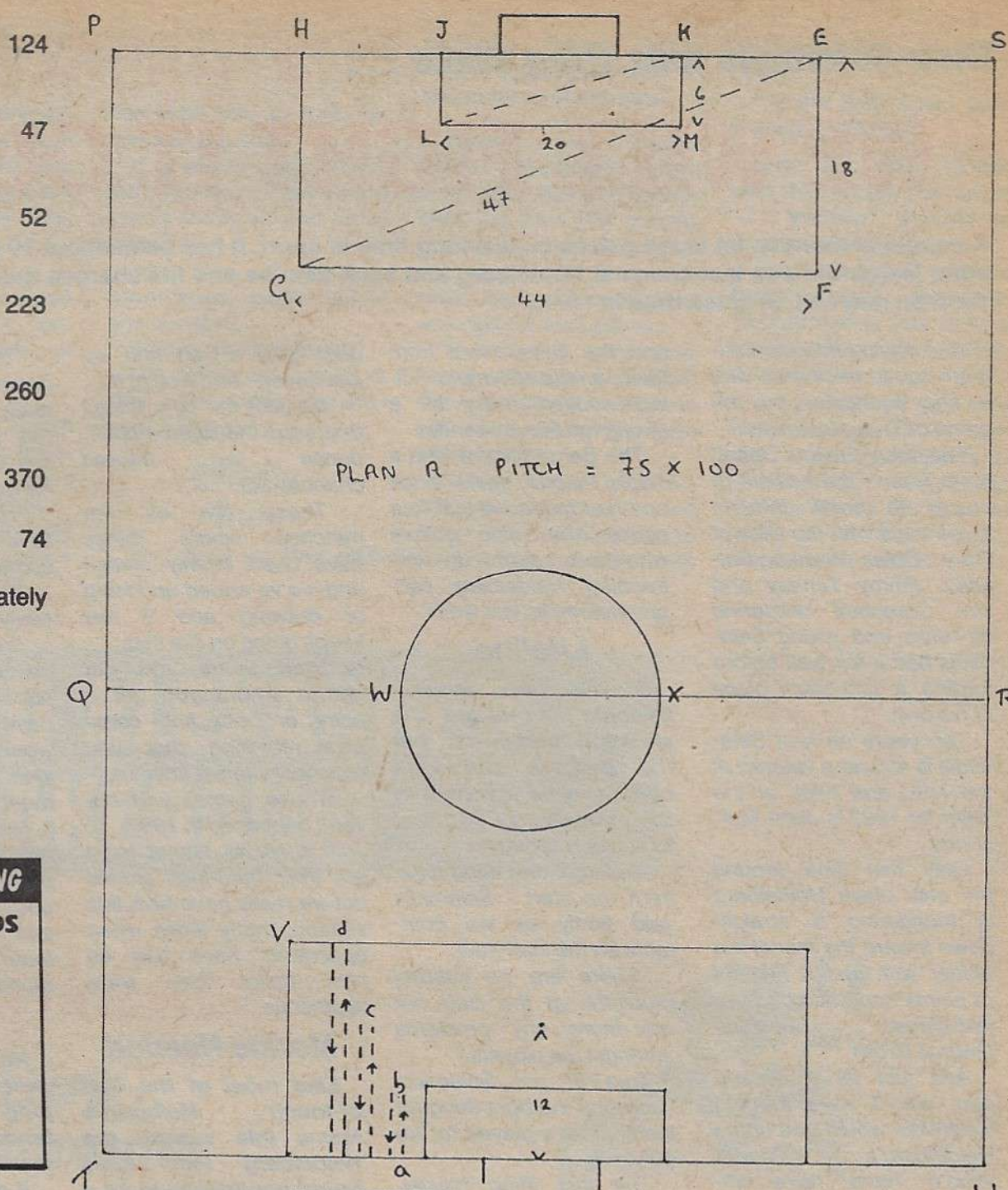
7. Half pitch perimeter:
T to Q to R to U to T :55+75+55+75 260

8. Full pitch perimeter:
T to P to S to U to T :110+75+110+75 370

9. Penalty box to penalty box:
V to G :110-36 74

Plan (B) Reveals areas on a pitch approximately where a player in a position runs.

KEY: A=Goalkeepers
B=Full Backs
C=Mid-field
D=Centre Backs
E=Strikers



SOCCER WORDS

Ideally the questions should be answered in the same order they appear. The last letter of each answer becomes the first letter of the next answer and so on.

When you reach the end of a line simply continue on in the next line. The first number listed beside each question indicates the line number while the second number indicates the column. Hence it is possible to see where each answer begins and how many letters it contains.

At the end of the puzzle we have included a supplementary question however you will require all the other answers first.

This one is fairly easy, I will be making the next one much tougher.

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Questions:

- 1.1. Which country do the Socceroos represent?
- 1.9. Assistant coach for St George? Surname only.
- 1.14. What type of free kick is given for obstruction?
- 2.7. Australian Youth squad striker? Surname only.
- 2.14. 1982 World Cup Winners.
- 3.4. Socceroos captain. Surname only.
- 3.9. Injured striker reappearing at Sydney Olympic. Surname only.
- 3.13. APIA coach. Surname only.
- 4.3. Melbourne _____.
- 4.9. Present National League Champions.
- 5.6. Colour of the first card you are likely to receive for misconduct on the field.
- 5.11. Former Australian and Sydney City player Joe _____.
- 6.2. Maradona is under contract to?
- 6.7. Striker with Melbourne Croatia.
- 7.2. South Melbourne striker Charlie _____.
- 7.5. Kevin Keegan played for this club.
- 7.13. Recent winners of the Charity Shield.

- 8.5. Australian Youth squad defender, Darren _____.
- 8.11. This club's home ground is in the Fairfield suburb of Bossley Park.
- 9.3. The Wollongong area is also known as the _____.
- 9.11. Last season's player of the year. Surname only.
- 10.2. APIA and Socceroo defender. Surname only.
- 10.10. Ex-National league goalkeeper with a brother playing first grade rugby league in NSW.
- 10.14. Melbourne clubs, Sunshine _____.
- 11.10. St George striker.
- 12.11. South Melbourne midfielder.

Rearrange the following letters to discover the name of a club with a big chance of joining the W.E.N.S.L. next year.

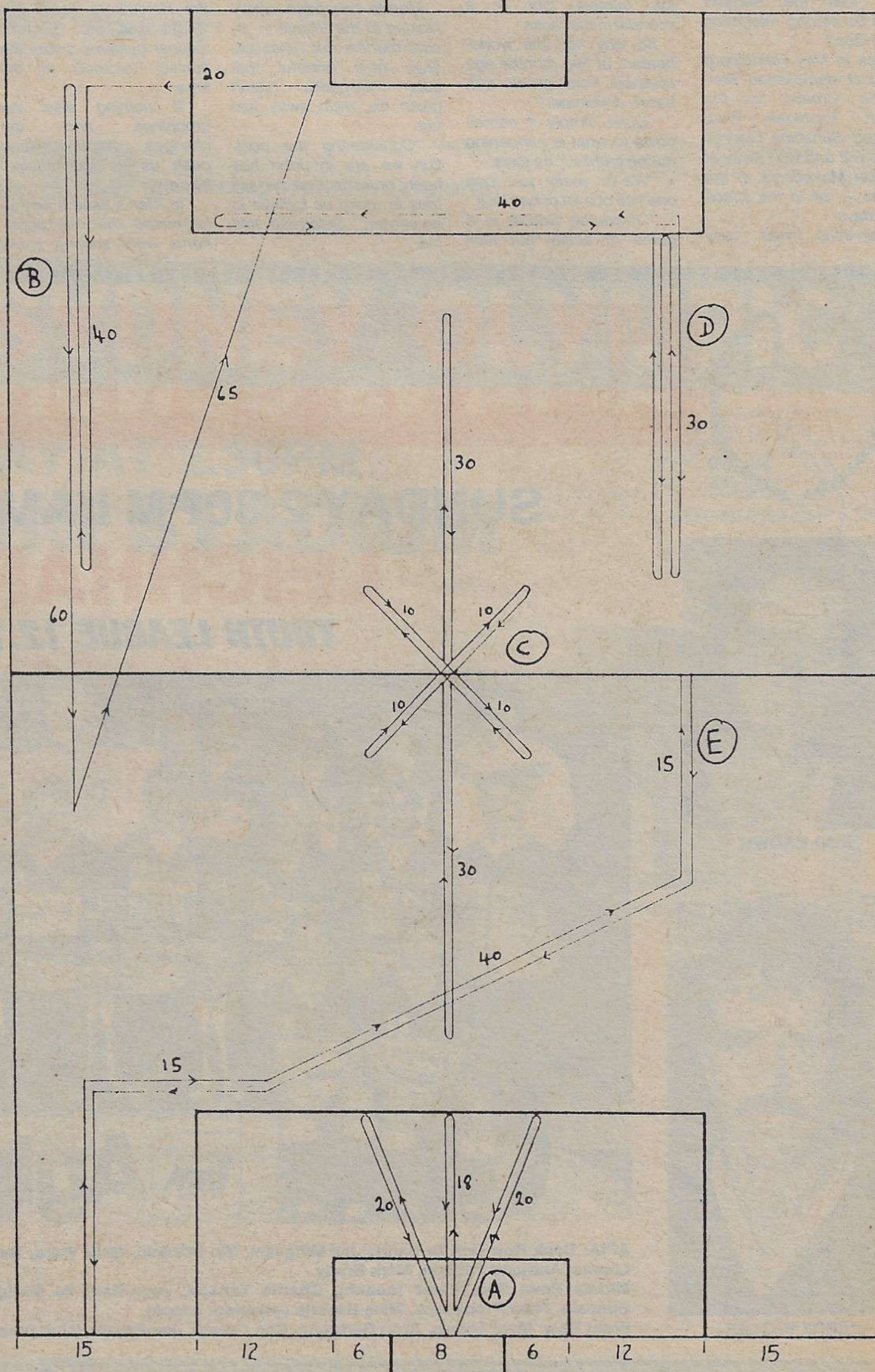
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THOMPSON TO LEAVE THE HAWKS

OUT-SPOKEN, but successful Mount Gravatt XXXX League coach, Eric Thompson, has announced he will not seek re-appointment next season.

After 10 years at Dittmer Park as a player, player-coach and coach, Thompson has decided he needs a new challenge.

"After 10 years I think I have given all I can. The time is right for the players to re-establish themselves with a new coach and I need to re-establish myself as a coach somewhere else," Thompson said.

Thompson's association with the Hawks encompassed the club's most successful years and saw him change from an on-field larrikin to one of the game's most motivated coaches.

"I have learned a lot and I think Mount Gravatt was the best place to learn it. The club has given me a lot of very dear friendships and I am leaving knowing we have turned out some quality footballers," Thompson said.

As a talented defender or midfielder, Thompson was a part of the Mount Gravatt team which dominated the early days of the State League and as a coach he has guided the club to premiership and grand final success.

In his 10 years at Dittmer Park, Thompson was involved in the 1980, 81, 83 and 84 State and Premier League premiership-win-

ning teams and the 1981 grand final-winning side.

The only trophy which escaped him was the Ampol Cup. He also came within three votes of winning the Rothman's Medal.

Thompson also is credited with nurturing into senior football, Socceroo Russell Stewart and outstanding youngsters Stu Woodruffe, Cameron Bell, Peter McClurg, John Kowtan and more recently, Dominic Tonel.

Thompson, 33, who has one State cap and captained Brisbane two years ago, said he was leaving Mount Gravatt on very amicable terms and had no intention of getting out of the game.

"I am closing the door at Mount Gravatt, but looking for another to open," Thompson said.

"I am wanting to do a job with people who see football the same as I do."

Thompson already has spoken to one division two club, but with a number of XXXX League positions expected to be vacant at the end of the season, he is certain to get other approaches.

Thompson's departure from Mount Gravatt will be part of a major shake-up at

the club. It is understood long-serving president Paul Lonton also will not seek re-election, preferring to spend a season "as just a spectator".

Former Mount Gravatt players Ian Steele, now the XXXX reserves coach, and Mal Bland, are early tips to replace Thompson.

Thompson's departure will be one of several expected changes among XXXX League personnel at the end of the season.

Ipswich United's Matt

Carson has already stated he will be moving on while Redlands' Steve Perry has indicated he is in two minds about carrying on as a player-coach with the Baysiders next year.

Rochdale Rovers have called for applications for a 1988 coach and Lions are expected to re-view their coaching appointment if they make the National League.

John Warren
to guest
at Medal

FORMER Socceroo Johnny Warren will be the guest speaker at this year's Queensland Rothman's Medal presentation.

Warren, now a soccer commentator with SBS, is certain to be full of interesting stories about earlier days of Australian international soccer.

This year's Rothman's Medal function will again be held at the Mayfair Crest Hotel on Tuesday, September 29 — five days before the XXXX League grand final.

Azzurri Brisbane City defender Fran Mengotti has been rated a warm favorite to lift the medal, which for the first time in 10 years will feature players from all top Queensland clubs.

In the past those from former NSL sides Lions and Brisbane City were ineligible.

Hot favorite for the medal was North Star's Billy Williamson until his send-off a month ago, while Mount Gravatt's Martin Kirsopp also was expected to feature until



JOHN OGDEN of Queensland's Lions, pictured on the ball.

his recent dismissal.

With the pair out of the running now, Mengotti has become a popular choice, along with Ipswich United's Peter Vogler and Coalstars' Mark Brusasco and Andy Ogden.

Have boot will travel . . .

BUT, McCLURG IS BACK

FORMER Queensland youth player, Peter McClurg, has returned from an extended overseas trip and is back in the Brisbane Lions squad for the run into the finals.

The 23-year-old defender left in April last year to study in England. During his stay he played for non-league teams in England and also had a game in Egypt during his travels.

"They didn't speak English, but we got by. Soccer is a universal language, the ball does the talking," McClurg said of his game in Egypt.

McClurg was from the same Mount Gravatt junior team which produced Russell Stewart. He switched to Lions in 1982.

He made his NSL debut in 1983 when Simon Kistemaker was coach and also had a handful of appearances during Gordon Arrowsmith's previous stint in 1984.

"It's good to see Peter back. He's one of the more dedicated types of players and he is very handy because he's a midfielder or defender," Arrowsmith said.

McClurg trained with Lions last week and is expected to force his way into the first team within weeks.

"I decided to have a look at Lions and see how they were going and I was pleasantly surprised how quickly I regained my fitness and touch," McClurg said.

McClurg's unexpected arrival comes hot on the heels of striker Dave Wheeler's rapid recovery from a serious pelvic injury as Lions fortunes start to brighten at the business end of the season.

Wheeler was ruled out for the remainder of the season with a stress fracture of the hip. But further x-rays showed the fracture was in fact an old injury and Wheeler could resume playing.

Wheeler has been badly missed in the Lions team as big New Zealand striker Grant Lightbown has been winning plenty of ball but finding himself with no-one to lay it off to.



At right: **DAVE WHEELER** (Lions) charges ahead during a XXXX State League encounter.

PLAYLE IS TO PLAY IT COOL

EASTERN Suburbs' youngster Scott Playle is to sign just a six-month contract with Scottish giants Glasgow Rangers.

The 17-year-old Brisbane defender was offered terms after starring in a recent one-month trial at the club. He won Man of the Match in Rangers' reserves opening 1-1 fixture draw with Aberdeen.

But the level-headed Playle has opted to take small steps first before committing himself in a big way to the world famous Scottish club.

"I will play through until next year and then will return to Australia for the Northern off-season. By then I will know whether things have worked out and Rangers will know whether they want me to come back," Playle said.

Playle's decision has the blessing of his parents, who saw their son rocket to fame in a matter of weeks.

Eastern Suburbs also have wished Playle well and released the youngster without condition apart from a proviso he return to Easts should he ever come back to Australia.

To the club's credit, Easts never sought to make money from Playle once it was known Rangers were interested in the youngster.

While he was an amateur and under the QSF constitution Easts really had no hold on him anyway, the club still showed the right spirit by immediately clearing him to Rangers and wishing him well.

"We would never have asked for a fee. The boy has been lucky and good luck to him," said Tigers secretary Bob McVie.

Playle is set to be visited later this year by Easts coach John Sime, who set up the original trial. Sime is returning to Scotland for an end-of-season holiday and has been invited to Ibrox by Graeme Souness.

"Rangers are very happy with the way the whole thing has been handled and I am looking forward now to settle up regular communications with the club and hopefully some kind of reciprocal player swapping," Sime said.



MARK HAIRSINE of Mount Gravatt.

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AUSTRAL ENTERS NEWCASTLE FINAL

AUSTRAL United eliminated Highfields Azzurri from the Northern NSW state first division play-off series with a 2-1 win in their minor semi-finals at Weston on Sunday.

Austral will now meet the loser of next Sunday's major semi-finals between Adamstown Rosebud and Belmont-Swansea United at the Adamstown Sports Ground.

The final will be played at Austral Park on September 13.

After a scoreless first half in last Sunday's semi-

final, Austral led Azzurri 1-0 from about the 65th minute when Wayne Achurch bent low to score with a header from a corner kick by Paul Krstevski on the right side.

Austral could have made it 2-0 twelve minutes from the end but Robert Holden, finding the Azzurri defence in disarray, was caught in two minds with only keeper Clint Jenkins to beat, and lost the ball.

Azzurri threw everything into the remaining time to try to level the scores and fullback Ken Bevan's top drive brought a fine save from Steve

Clarkson in the Austral goal.

But at the other end, the unfortunate Bevan, who had played tirelessly throughout and had had a difficult time trying to keep Krstevski in check, mistimed a clearance a minute from fulltime and young substitute Costa Caimakamis made no mistake with his shot from inside the penalty area.

Azzurri, which had gained the fourth semi-final place from West Wallsend on goal difference after a 6-0 win against Cardiff in a deferred game the previous Friday night, was

well held in the first half.

The Austral defence, directed from the back by former Youth international Howard Tredinnick, covered most of the Azzurri thrust and, in giving Ross Wells little room to move, took some of the sting out of the Azzurri attack.

In the reserve grade minor semi-finals Weston came from 2-0 down to force the 2-all draw with Adamstown and then won 3-0 on penalty kicks.

Adamstown also lost the first division under-18 minor semi-finals when it went down 2-1 to West Wallsend.

SWEET FINISH FOR LAMBTON JAFFAS

LAMBTON Jaffas may have created some kind of record in their recent match against South Wallsend in the Northern NSW Third Division.

On their way to a place in the semi-finals, Jaffas crushed South Wallsend 10-0, a score that included three hat-tricks.

Scott Haynes, Chris Sneddon and Dave Sharman each scored three, with the other goal coming from Tony Casolari.

The Lambton-based club's unusual name, "Jaffas", which relates to the tangerine colour of their strip, has conjured up some comment from time to time.

One amusing incident occurred during a match in which Jaffas were involved when the referee had cause to speak to one of their players. The match official wasn't too pleased with the player's reply and said something like: "That will be enough out of you, smartie." And was then forced to smile when the miscreant added: "I'm not a Smartie, I'm a Jaffa."



FLASHBACK! Former Newcastle star **MICHAEL BOOGAARD** defends against his next club — St. George in a 1985 NSL clash.

HIGHFIELDS PIPPED WEST WALLSEND

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

HIGHFIELDS Azzurri provided its fans with a grandstand finish to the Tooheys Northern NSW State First Division premiership and gained a place in the final four at the expense of the defending premier, West Wallsend.

With one deferred match remaining to be

decided before the First Division semi-finals, Azzurri had to beat Cardiff by five goals to oust West Wallsend from fourth position. This it did with a 6-0 victory at the Adamstown Sports Ground on August 26, although the circumstances were in Azzurri's favour.

Cardiff had lost a torrid match on a 2-1 scoreline to Adamstown five days earlier and went down 1-0 to West Wallsend in another

tough encounter three days later.

The Cardiff result assured Adamstown of the premiership and its scoreless draw with Central Coast at Killarney Vale on August 21 was only of academic note.

Ross Wells scored three of the Azzurri goals, coach Richard Hartley put away two and Renato Martinelli added the other, to

send the Skyblues into the minor semi-final against Austral United.

At the conclusion of the premiership rounds, the divisional premiers are:

First Division: Adamstown Rosebud, Second Division: Stockton, Third Division: Beresfield United, Fourth Division: Newcastle Macedonia,

Fifth Division: Kurri Kurri.

The leading goalscorers in each division at the end of the two rounds are: First Division, Sean Ingham (Adamstown Rosebud) 16; Second Division, Darren Stewart (Toronto Awaba) 15; Third Division, Jacek Kubiak (Tomago Eagles) 15; Fourth Division, Andrew Janissen (South Cardiff) 13; Fifth Division, Ron Rahman (Dora Creek Bears) 12.

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Former Rothmans Medalist . . .

NEIL WILLIAMS WHEELS TO WIN

IN 1980, Neil Williams won the NSW State League Rothman's Medal and he is back in the news after taking South Coast Croatia to a championship win in Illawarra.

Croatia were promoted to the Premier League this year and many people felt they were a fair chance of making the semi-finals at their first attempt.

As player-coach, Williams was that "little more confident," particularly when his team thrashed Port Kembla 7-1 in their fifth game of the season.

He said he walked from the field that day convinced his team could finish on top. "Against Port Kembla they showed just how powerful they could be if they put their minds to it."

Playing in the midfield, Williams has overcome nagging knee injuries and a defence which at times threatened to "cave in."

Williams said he realised at times his defence had problems but the players had the character to lift themselves when it really mattered.

Croatia took the title by a point from Bulli, who won it the previous two years and Williams said Bulli were always going to be the big threats.

"It was a great relief to me when we beat Corrimal 3-1 in the last game and I

have to admit I experienced a lot of personal satisfaction," the coach said.

Success has followed

Williams since he was selected to play for the Welsh schoolboys' team in 1977 at the age of 17.

He represented his country against Scotland at Falkirk and against England at Swansea but came

to Australia with his family a year later.

After joining Wollongong City in the old State League, Williams had spells with Bankstown, Avala and Canterbury and won the Rothman's Medal while with Bankstown.

He took on the coaching job with Croatia as a challenge at the start of last season after the club had gained promotion from the ISA second division.

At his first attempt he guided Croatia to second place in the first division and this meant they qualified for Premier League with champions Corrimal.

Croatia officials said at the start of this year they simply wanted to consolidate a place in the top league and go from there in 1988.

With a number of players having come up two divisions in as many years this seemed a sensible approach but Williams had other ideas.

He moulded a very powerful unit with the speed of their attack a very important asset.

"We scored 50 goals by the half-way stage and some clubs just couldn't handle the way our strikers operated," Williams said.

"Our scoring slackened off in the second half of the season but there was more pressure on the team in that period.

"I have been critical of the attitude of certain players through the year but generally I can't complain when I hear what happens at some other clubs in the

league."

Looking to the future, Williams is keen to add the ISA grand final trophy and the Ampol Cup series against the top four teams in ACT to his record.

After that he isn't sure what the future holds.

"I don't really know what I will be doing next

season as I am almost certain to have a knee operation before the end of the year," he said.

"Croatia will probably want to me stay on but I will have to give it a lot of thought."

If Williams doesn't opt for another season at McLennan Park there will be no shortage of clubs checking out his phone number in the near future.

Red and yellow cards make . . .

BLACK DAY FOR WHITE

BULLI fullback Micky White must have created some kind of record when he was sent off in his team's last Premier League match of the season against Tarrawanna.

Referee Robert Robertson showed White a yellow card and a red card within the space of about 20 seconds.

Nothing strange about that until you realise White had never previously been sent from the field or suspended in 21 years of senior soccer.

To make matters worse his latest misfortune could mean he will be missing if Bulli qualify for the grand

final.

White's problem is that when Robertson took out his yellow card it was the fourth of the season for the Bulli player.

This meant he would have been suspended for two games — the major semi-final and either the final or grand final.

Realising what the card meant, he kicked the ball away in anger and that was when Robertson took out the red card.

In seconds a two week suspension became four weeks.

White said after the game he would submit a letter to the ISA judiciary putting his case and seeking a fair hearing.

He said he had to be

realistic and expect a two week suspension for the caution but hoped to be treated leniently over the send-off.

"I was just shattered when I realised the fourth card would mean I wouldn't be able to play in the semi-final and at that stage I thought I would also miss the grand final," he said.

Bulli play their major semi-final against South Coast Croatia on Saturday with West-Figtree and Cringila to clash in the other semi-final.

Both games are certain to attract big crowds with Bulli and Croatia already having provided two real crowd-pleasers this season.



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TOP MARKETING VIEWS IN CANBERRA

CANBERRA Griffins have taken an extremely positive step to provide for their future by engaging the services of Bob Pritchard International Marketing to promote the club.

Pritchard and his organisation became well known for their promotion of the fledgling Sydney Swans in the VFL competition.

The high profile marketing led to negotiations taking place with a number of soccer clubs who are aiming for bigger things in future, but this is the first announcement of finalisation of plans.

A press conference was called at which 100 people paid \$100 a head for the dinner at the Black Mountain Tower Restaurant.

The Canberra Griffins hope to see and increasing flow of dollars from here on.

At the function Bob Pritchard said: "We intend to market the club with flair, and we expect to get the Canberra community in behind us."

"I think you will find that the day of having half the team in Melbourne

and half in Sydney in the National League will go.

"The best areas are those small enough to build parochial support behind one team. Canberra is big enough for this purpose and soccer itself is already very popular here."

"The three main sporting teams will surely work together to provide Canberra with a level of sport and entertainment which hasn't been seen here before."

Mr Pritchard was referring to the Canberra Raiders in rugby league, the Canberra Cannons in basketball and the Canberra Griffins in soccer.

"I know that there is concern that three clubs have to be promoted separately, which is expensive and could result in crowds being poached, but this has not been the experience in the United States in these circumstances," he added.

Marketing man's big ideas

package for Canberra."

No decision has been made over the name of the club, which this year was turned into Canberra Griffins, the latter being a reference to coverage for the entire district as Canberra was sited on the Molonglo River, which at the national capital was converted into Lake Burleigh Griffin.

Mr Pritchard said that he believed that the previous name changes had caused confusion in the minds of the public.

"I really feel that there is a problem with the present title and so I'd just like to see the club called Canberra."

"In addition the badge is rather complicated as well," he added.

Canberra is launching a \$20 Soccer Support Certificate which anyone can buy. When a community in the Pritchard scheme of things it is not vital for the soccer club to

be in the West End National Soccer League immediately.

Obviously however in current circumstances there is a higher profile to be earned in NSL rather than the NSW State Bank League, where the standard is somewhat diluted by the large number of member clubs.

At the same time Canberra will approach the NSL for admission even if they do not qualify for 1988.

He continued: "If we are unsuccessful we will adjust our targets for another year in the State Bank League - but our eventual target must be a place in the national competition."

"We will be opening negotiations with the Cannons and Raiders, and I challenge them to help in the planning of a new and better sporting

many float is made the certificates can be redeemed as shares.

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GRIFFINS SLAPDASH DISPLAY

By Herb Hild

THE Canberra Griffins downed wooden spooner Wollongong Macedonia 3-0 in a NSW State Bank League soccer match in Canberra on Sunday.

But the manner in which victory was achieved was unconvincing.

Two goals were set pieces (a penalty and a free kick) and both were converted by sweeper Steve Bryant.

Only the opening goal, by midfielder Tom Sermanni, was the result of constructive play.

Most Griffins' players were guilty at times of selfishness by excessive dribbling, long runs and passing that was far too late or too inaccurate.

But the three goal margin reflected the run of play fairly. The Griffins stamped their authority on the match from the opening whistle and never surrendered it.

Sermanni's opener came as early as the fifth minute.

Nobody had expected it, least of all Macedonia goalkeeper Tommy Milenkovski who was too far off his line to stop the dipping lob.

But that was his only flaw. He later denied several Griffins' efforts with tigerish agility, notably Sermanni's left footer in the 36th minute after a neat flick on from Sixto Gonzalez.

Macedonia relied on spoiling tactics rather than attack.

The visitors relied on a big booting defence and hopeful breakaways.

But Griffins' keeper George Economopoulos had only one real shot to parry in the first spell - a free kick which he held with the second grab.

Five minutes from half-time came Bryant's penalty after Alexis Suarez was floored just inside the area.

Bryant scored.

A 4-1 victory over rivals South Australia got the ACT women moving well in the second round of the National Womens Championships held at Alice Springs.

ACT WOMEN GOOD WIN

Star of the team was Angela Iannotta, the Albury Wodonga player, who gave the South Australian defence a whole host of problems.

She drove a particularly hard ball high into the net for a magnificent second half goal.

ACT got away to a 0-0 draw with Western Au-

stralia in the first round, but slumped 0-2 to Victoria in the third. On Day 4 they defeated Northern Territory 4-1.

At that stage the ACT was still to play Queensland, Northern NSW and Tasmania.

Coach Dave Connelly was looking to some good results.

In the second half Macedonia came into the game a shade more.

The visitors had a chance early in this half when Brian Brown broke free on the left before his feeble cross was easily cut out by the Canberra defence.

The Macedonia attack never managed to muster enough threat to impress the Griffins backline of Bryant, Peter Mazis, Phil Reis and Jason Dunn.

But up front the slapdash passing prevented

the home side from improving the margin.

In the 78th minute came a moment of saving grace when Bryant beat the defensive wall and keeper Milenkovski with a superb free kick.

CANBERRA GRIFFINS: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Suarez (Popovich 46m), P Reis, Junna, Sermanni, Gardikiotis, A Reis, Gonzalez (Fernandez 78th).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Milenkovski, Muhlbauer, Campbell, Ruskin, Sweeney, Dalkovsk, Giraldi, Allport, Gardner (Kerr 57th), Popovski (Kirwan 51st), Brown.

Yellow cards: Mazis, Bryant (Canberra).



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WA EMU EXPORT STATE SOCCER LEAGUE



From front Page

This time the Federation has seen fit to add total support to the Italian proposal to seek entry in 1988.

One of the main planks of the proposal is to subsidise the air fares for all Eastern teams from Adelaide when coming to Perth to play.

But what makes this offer so much more powerful is that the four major Italian clubs, Perth Azzurri, East Fremantle Tricolore, Bayswater Inter and Balclutha Etna have provisionally agreed to combine as one.

The only obstacle is the support from their respective members at meetings to be held on September 18.

The presidents of the four clubs consider that there will be pockets of resistance, but the proposal will pass with healthy majorities.

The clubs will, therefore, cease to exist at the end of this year at senior level, with the traditional names continuing only at junior levels.

In order of priority, the new club will field a National League side to be followed by a team in the new Super League which in turn will be supported by a reserve side in which youth will play a prominent part.

"Should we fail to gain National League identity we will continue as a combined club throughout the Super League, pushing for the National League the following season," said spokesman Mr Nick Tana.

"We have the finance, the support and the will to be part of the National League, and it would be unfair of the Australian Soccer Federation to deny us our chance."

If the past has any relevance, Mr Tana is overly optimistic of breaking the hold factions in the East have on the competition in wishing to restrict it to the favoured few - at least for 1988.

Examples

Sport in Australia is rapidly developing a national flavour, and if Australian rules, basketball, baseball, rugby league, cricket, and possibly hockey next year, have not made that fact clear to soccer then nothing will.

Soccer must become truly national to capture the general Australian support and the sponsorship dollar.

For that reason WA is hoping for big things from the Indoor five-a-side tournament.

Named the Perth Cougars - WA has a fixation with the cat family when naming sports teams - the WA side will find the going tough to start with.

Most of the top players will be missing to start with because of their contracts with clubs for traditional soccer in a season that still has a few weeks to run.

But the Wildcats (basketball) struggled for a couple of seasons before millionaire Bob Williams took over and, with astute player purchases, produced one of the best teams in the country.

Such has been the promotion of the Wildcats that for almost every home game one has to book a seat up to two weeks in advance to see the match.

The modern Superdome is always filled to its 5500 capacity where there had been space in some matches in the 1500 seat Perry Lakes Stadium last year.

Williams is now ready to build a 15,000 basketball stadium to cater for what he sees as the future game of Australia.

Inward Look

Soccer seriously needs to look at themselves with the advancement of other sports, and determine what is changing the habits of the Australian sporting public.

The four Italian clubs have done that to some extent with plans for revamping Azzurri's Dorrien Gardens in the heart of the city to cater for spectators, the players and VIP's in the short term.

In the long term, should National League become a reality, a new stadium is envisaged that could provide a lead for others in WA.

As a team in the proposed local Super League next year it will become the most powerful in the competition, forcing other clubs to look to amalgamation to compete successfully.

Eventually the Italian move may lead to a rationalisation of clubs at the semi-professional level, a recommendation high on the priority list of the rejected Task Force.

MACEDONIA FACING DOUBLE

STIRLING Macedonia are on line for the double of the State League premiership and the D'Orosgna knockout cup.

Of the two the premiership looks as certain as anything can be in sport.

Five points in the lead with three matches to go, it would take a remarkable reversal of form to deny them their fourth title in five years.

The cup is a different matter because the result rests on the day.

What's more their opponents are Floreat Athena, a club they invariably have trouble with.

Macedonia had little trouble with Spearwood Dalmatinac last Sunday in the semi-final of the Cup, recording a well deserved 3-0 victory.

There were many who thought Dalmatinac had a good chance of ending their unhappy record against Macedonia.

Since 1980 Dalmatinac had managed only three wins over Macedonia in the league competition, and those wins had been away from home.

On Sunday they were away from home at the neutral venue of the Keiv Sports Ground.

But from the start it was clear Dalmatinac were always going to be second in a two-horse race.

Two great goals in the first ten minutes from Carl McDarby and Wayne Thorpe cut short the pre-

match bubbling confidence of the Dalmatinac camp.

And when McDarby ended a smart piece of lead-up work by midfielder Andy Sharp with the goal of the match in the 36th minute, and one of the best of the season, Macedonia were home and hosed.

Athena had a comfortable 2-0 win over Bayswater Inter, finally putting to rest memories of their defeat by Bayswater in the grand-final of the summer night series in March.

To this day Athena coach Ken Worden insists that Bayswater never beat Athena, with penalties having to decide the winner when extra time ended in a 1-1 draw.

The final is set for October 4, and at this stage money would have to rest on Macedonia.

A good guide to the fortunes of that game could be gauged in the league encounter between the two on September 12.

In the meantime there is still a lot to play for in the league competition which resumes this weekend with three rounds left on the calendar.

Macedonia still have to beat Osborne Park Galeb at Galeb's ground on Saturday to be almost sure of the title, because they face two hard games in the final run home.

For that reason Perth Azzurri can't afford to let up and must beat Dalmati-

nac at Dalmatinac Park to keep alive their title hopes.

Dalmatinac can't afford to lose if they harbour any ambitions of salvaging something from a disappointing season by contesting the Top Four Cup.

With Balga still hoping to avoid relegation, Athena can't assume they will be rewarded with three points in their clash at Lake Mongar Vedodrome.

Athena's premiership chances are extremely slim and really require Macedonia to lose their remaining games while Azzurri are restricted in their successes.

Galeb looked doomed to second division status, unless they do themselves

and the competition favour by creating the biggest upset of the year.

That is not impossible when you consider Kiev did just that two weeks ago against Macedonia.

Kiev need to beat last lustre East Fremantle Tricolore to stay out of relegation contention.

Both Kingsway Olympic and Bayswater Inter have top four aspirations which will be kept alive if Olympiacos beat Gosnells City and Bayswater can do the same to Cockburn United.

In fact the Top Four might be the only contest of interest after the weekend if Olympic and Bayswater win and Dalmatinac lose.



Dallies' David Kamasz.

CHAMPIONS OVERCOME

BY WALTER PLESS

JUVENTUS-Pioneer qualified for the Cadbury Jubilee Trophy Grand Final in Southern Tasmania after it beat league champion Olympia-WPL 2-1 on penalties at KGV Soccer Park on Sunday.

Olympia must now meet Croatia-Glenorchy on Wednesday (today) to determine who will face Juventus in the Grand Final.

Croatia overcame White Eagles 1-0 through a Neil Thomas goal in the curtain-raiser on Sunday.

Neither Juventus or Olympia looked like scoring throughout the 120 minutes of their match.

The two goalkeepers did not have a save to make in a game which was noted for its hard, physical clashes in midfield rather than for its good Soccer.

The game was so hard,

in fact, that two players suffered serious injuries.

Juventus's Sergio Pace left the field with a broken collarbone after only a quarter of an hour following a tackle by Michael Berwick, who became the only player to be cautioned in the match, while Olympia midfielder Michael Goldsmith was carried off on a stretcher, blood pouring from his ear, in the 65th minute after a clash involving Carlo Ambrosino.

The only shots remotely on target came from Olympia. Ken Morton drove a free-kick straight at Juventus goalkeeper Neil Connell in the first half, while Peter Sherman smashed the ball against the Juventus crossbar late in extra time.

The goalkeepers finally had the opportunity to show their stuff in the penalty shoot-out at the end of extra time.

Juventus's Neil Connell saved shots by Forster

and Greenwood, while Olympia's Martin Burden beat out Romeo Frediani's effort.

Paul Xanthopoulos and Peter Sherman fired high and wide for Olympia, with Billy Tsakiris scoring Olympia's solitary goal.

For Juventus, Broadhouse and Di Martino missed, Romeo Fabrizio scored with Juventus's second kick, and it was left to Carlo Ambrosino to settle the issue by rifling home the last kick of the day.

Thomas grabbed the winner 10 minutes after the interval. Kirkpatrick crossed from deep on the right, Thomas was left unmarked in front of goal and he lobbed the ball over the goalkeeper and into the net with the Eagles' defenders looking in vain for an off-side flag.

Details: Cadbury Jubilee Trophy, Semi-finals: Croatia-Glenorchy 1 (Thomas) White Eagles 0, Juventus-Pioneer 2 (Fabrizio, Ambrosino penalties) Olympia-WPL 1 (Tsakiris penalty).

TASMANIA

BY WALTER PLESS

OLYMPIA-WPL qualified for the Pepsi Youth League Top-Four Grand Final when it beat league champions White Eagles 2-0 at South Hobart on Saturday.

White Eagles had the better of the opening exchanges and should have scored at least twice in the opening half.

Craig Pitt fired across an empty goalmouth in the 20th minute after Mason's high lob from the right had caused panic in the Olympia defence. And Mason miskicked in front of goal in the 32nd minute after Rosinski had nodded Pitt's corner into the penalty area to create the chance.

In the 38th minute, it was Eagles' turn to make a defensive error and Olympia took full advantage.

Clinton Brown broke down the right in a quick Olympia counter-attack and his high cross was

turned into the path of Billy Tsakiris by defender Greg Rosinski, enabling the diminutive striker to score an easy goal.

White Eagles searched desperately for an equaliser but good defensive play by Nick Padas and Paul Tsangaris kept them out.

With Eagles committed to attack, Olympia was able to snatch a second goal four minutes from time. Chris Barrell found Andrew Hart with a low pass from the right and the striker whipped the ball home before Eagles' goalkeeper Gilbert Steenhuis could react.

Juventus-Pioneer scraped home 8-7 on penalties against Howrah to qualify for the preliminary final.

Juventus twice took the lead against Howrah through Robbie Mastracola, the first goal coming after only 50 seconds, but Richard Corongiu, from

the penalty spot, and Kingston drew Howrah level.

Goward hit what appeared to be Howrah's winner nine minutes from time but Smart struck for Juventus two minutes later to take the match into extra time.

The score remained at 3-3 after this half-hour period and penalties were needed to decide the issue.

Rossi was the only Juventus player to miss, while failures by Corongiu and Rackham sealed Howrah's fate.

Details: Pepsi Youth League, Top-Four Semi-Finals: Juventus 8 (Mastracola 2 Smart, penalties by Mastracola, Gasparin, Smart, De Felice and Lapolla) Howrah 7 (Corongiu pen, Kingston, Goward, penalties by Goward, MacCallini, Shaw and Ware). Olympia-WPL 2 (Tsakiris, Hart) White Eagles 0.



Southern Tasmania's Craig Nichols (centre) sandwiched between Northern Tasmania's Brian Davidson (left) and David Mitchell. Davidson is a former New Zealand international and Melbourne Croatia star.

(Photo by Robin Lane)



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LAUNCHING A STAR AT ST GEORGE

DID Australian Soccer see a new star last weekend? Name of Zoran Ilic, striker, club St George.

A heavy scorer with his club's youth team, in his second run as a substitute he scored a very impressive goal against Preston.

Impressive in the composure of the finish for such a young player.

Has young Ilic got what it takes to carry on from this fine start to a first team career and go all the way to the top?



ZORAN ILIC

The road to stardom can be rocky. It can also be smooth and easy, but always there will be snares and traps awaiting the unwary, the unprepared.

Most Australian youth team stars will not make it in the professional game.

So what does it take to get to the top in Soccer?

First of all it takes talent.

Most star performers are highly talented and are usually playing in first teams at club level by age 17.



PETER RASKOPOULOS.

Alan Davidson, Peter Raskopoulos, Graham Arnold, Frank Farina, John Kosmina, these are just some of the current star performers in National League who were all playing club soccer at 17 and under.



ATTI ABONYI.

It was the same years ago with John Warren at age 15 and Attie Abonyi at 16 making their first team debuts.

Outlook

Talent is always necessary, but even more so is attitude.

Zoran Ilic is fortunate to be in an excellent environment in which to grow as a soccer player.

There is no better place for a young player to be than close to Frank Arok during his young soccer years.

The professionalism which Arok brings to his soccer has been a great gift to St George and to Australian Soccer generally.

To be exposed to this at a young age is a boon which young Ilic may be too young to appreciate.

In my view Frank Arok and Eddie Thomson be-

tween them, along with Rale Rasic, are the reason that Sydney Soccer is still well ahead of Melbourne in the professionalism of its clubs and its soccer generally.



JOHN KOSMINA

Arok and Thomson

particularly have nurtured some great young players: Frank Farina, Jim Patikas and Jean-Paul de Marigny are a great recent trio for Thomson.

While Arok, from Harry Williams and George Harris in the 60's down to Scott Ollerenshaw and Zoran Ilic in the 80's, has constantly developed young players for Saints.

St George has long had a very solid and well run youth scheme, which has given the senior club access to good young players each year.

Many of the youth players nowadays are of Macedonian descent, while others are born of Yugoslavian parents.

Still more are of Greek descent, but these are not



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following through into the first team. They are going to other Greek clubs, especially Sydney Olympic.

Clearance

I have got to say that when Arok cleared out so many of the senior players from St George this year I feared for the

club, despite the belief I have always had in Arok's ability.

The early season results proved these fears justified.

However, the morning after St George won its first game of the season, which was a couple of months down the track, Frank said to me: "I am the only one

who knows what we can do..."

So it has proven.

I have admiration for the man and what he is able to do with Soccer players.

And now he has sent Zoran Ilic on his way.

A way that could take him along the highways of success if he has what it takes.

MELBOURNE SIDES NOT SO MIGHTY

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

ONE of the saddest and most alarming features in this year's West End National League is the dramatic lack of interest shown towards the competition in the former stronghold of Melbourne.

When traditional crowd pulling giants like South Melbourne, Heidelberg and Croatia struggle to draw 2000 fans at their matches something is obviously seriously wrong.

Mainly reasons have been forwarded as to what caused this huge decline in spectator support, but unless the situation is addressed and steps taken to rectify it, the whole concept of a national competition faces a very bleak future.

One of the worst possible scenarios for the league would be to have all five Sydney teams competing amongst themselves in the end of season play offs, yet a quick

glance at the current league table points to an ever increasing possibility of that happening.

This relative lack of success on the playing field does nothing to encourage fans to support their teams. What's even worse is the generally drab, overly physical brand of football that most Melbourne sides seem to consistently dish up.

It's not too many years ago that Victorian teams were considered to be amongst the most cultured in the country — today the opposite is true.

There can be little argument that the strong British influence which exists in so many clubs has taken away much of the skill and technique out of the game.

Ordinary coaches and a large number of sub standard players imported from Britain have produced nothing more than frustrating, boring contests for Melbourne fans brought up on football that used to have its share of flair and passion.

Primitive facilities that exist in many of the NSL grounds such as Schintler, Connor and Chaplin Reserves cannot help clubs in attracting their supporters back to the game.

These grounds are simply not good enough for national league football and it's difficult to understand how the NSL can complain about the Croatian Sports Centre in Sydney while nothing is being done to force these clubs into moving to adequate venues.

Going to a place like Schintler Reserve on a cold, wet and windy Sun-

day afternoon can be a most miserable experience, yet Melbourne fans are expected to put up with those type of conditions. The ongoing debate as to the merits or otherwise of changing the National League season from winter to summer is far from resolved but Melbourne clubs, more than any others, would have to benefit greatly from such a move.

The situation in Victoria cannot be allowed to deteriorate any further. If a National League is to survive in this country everything possible must be done to help lift Melbourne football back to its former glory.

NSW THIRD DIVISION

University's shock defeat at the hands of Campbelltown, coupled with Granville's determined 3-1 win over Baulkham Hills, has given Granville back to back premierships with one round remaining.

At Mackey Park Mt Druitt's quest for a semi-final berth came to an end when they were held 1-1 by Canterbury.

The match was evenly poised throughout and had Ginn converted one of several simple opportunities Mt Druitt would have taken both points.

On the other hand Canterbury squandered a penalty three minutes from time and could be considered a little unlucky.

Campbelltown's Bensley Road has often proven a graveyard for visiting teams. Round 25 was no exception.

The home side have come right into semi-final calculations with a stunning 4-1 win over the in-form University.

The prevailing greasy conditions made good

football difficult.

Consequently the match developed into a survival of the fittest as players chased a seemingly endless supply of the long ball.

Shaw almost put the students into the lead in the 30th minute but his effort found the crossbar before being cleared to safety.

In the 50th minute Diestler opened Campbelltown's scoring from close in.

Five minutes later, Brogan broke clear and made it 2-0.

The students struggled to find their rhythm and when Diestler added the third in the 63rd minute, their premiership hopes came to an end.

Walsh rounded off the home side's scoring be-

fore Thomas put the Students on the board with a late goal.

At Cawarra, Rooty Hill kept alive their semi-final prospects with a sparkling 4-0 win over a weakened Port Hacking.

The home side took control from the outset but were denied any early goals by Hacking's young keeper Smith, who made a series of brilliant saves.

Jones broke the deadlock in the 25th minute with a well directed header and was on hand again to stab in the second shortly after.

Although Lavin tried hard, he was unable to fire up the Hacking side which seemed unable to cope with the heavy conditions.

Guy added the third for Hill before halftime, and Parker grabbed the fourth late in the second half.

RUSHY'S FUTURE STAR

NAME: Zoran Ilic.
BIRTHDATE: 1.9.69
HOME: Sydney
PRESENT CLUB: St George.
PRESENT COACHES: Frank Lang, Frank Arok, Alan Vest.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Pagewood, Sydney City.
PREVIOUS COACHES: Steve Feher.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Striker.
POSITIONS PLAYED: Every position except keeper.
REP HONOURS: Under 18 NSW.
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Pele, Maradona, Best, Sanchez, Platini.
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: Dribbling past five players and then the keeper to score in match for St George vs Blacktown City.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being selected in a state team before Under 18s.
OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, basketball, rugby, VFL.
1987 AIMS: To be top goal scorer and named player of the year with St George.
LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To play for Australia and hopefully overseas.
GREATEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, uncle and coaches.
ALAN VEST'S OPINION: Zoran has the skill and confidence to go to the top.

MEMORIES! . .



FLASHBACK! NSW columnist ALAN VEST receives the Coach of the Year award for deeds done with Newcastle KB United nearly a decade ago in the National League.



AUSTRALIAN INDOOR PAGE



ROBBIE STUART of Sydney Toyota Tornadoes leaves Pat Stromquisz and John White

THE Australian Indoor Soccer Federation's 200 odd page coaching manual is in the hands of the printers and will be available to the indoor soccer fraternity shortly. Orders for the impressive manual can be placed with the Sydney office 02 77 1677 now.

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THE Indoor movements level One Coaching Course has received accreditation by the National Coaching Assembly with the first one to be held in Canberra upon the arrival of Brazil's Zego.

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A successful promotional visit to Mackay earlier this year will be repeated by the under 16 national team (NSW members only) when it travels to Cootamundra on the weekend of September 19/20.

Games will be played against Cootamundra, Wagga, Talbingo and Oak Flats during the weekend visit apart from coaching clinics and promotional appearances.

AN over 35 Indoor Soccer competition is planned for the Fairfield Leisure Centre and will kick off late September.

Interested "Old Boys" should contact organiser Joe Grima after hours on 02 610 5994.

QUEENSLAND'S NEW SEASON

THE Queensland Indoor Soccer Association has announced that its new peak season is now open for registrations.

The unbelievable growth of this exciting non-contact sport has surprised a lot of people.

In just two years it has grown out of the first club at Sunnybank and it now ready to commence the new season in the following suburbs: Woodridge, Sunnybank, Mt Gravatt, Chandler, Tingalpa, Wynnum, Redlands, Victoria Point, St Lucia, Indooroopilly, Lang Park, Stafford, Pine Rivers, Kelvin Grove, Hendra, Craigslea, The Gap, Ferny Grove, Mitchelton, Albany Creek, Sandgate, Redcliffe, Clontarf, Caboolture, Nambour, Caloundra.

In Ipswich is the strong Bundamba club, and on the Gold Coast Carrara and Ashmore Police Club.

The new season promises to be the most exciting

yet.

The QISA just concluded its first intercentre competition, and is creating the SE Qld State League where the top clubs from the region will compete on a home and away basis.

Juniors will also compete.

Competitions and coaching is available in the following age groups: U8s, 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s, open mens, and over 35s (masters) junior ladies and open age ladies.

Perth Cougars 15 (Roki 4, Lee 3, Z.Atanasouski 2, Katinski 2, Strassela, Galton, Brown and Trebbin og).

Bundaberg Canecutters 1 (B.Atanasouski og).

Bundaberg could not have wished for a worse introduction to the top flight of the JHISL when the exciting Perth Cougars wiped the floor with them to the tune of 15-1.

It was a baptism of fire for the Canecutters who were scythed down by the flamboyant Sandgroppers in all departments.

Michael Roke slammed four goals in a merciless display along with fellow front-runner David Lee who helped himself to three.

Two days before Perth had travelled to the Chandler Centre on the Gold Coast and fought out a superb match with Brisbane, finally taking the honours 5-3, but this was a different kettle of fish. Queensland has been on the end of a West Australia

lian indoor onslaught these past few days.

The week spent by national team coach Nick Nicolopoulos seems to have added a fair few more to the tally.

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The promise of an entertaining dual between the Canberra sides was certainly lived up to as the Rockets and Strikers went at it hammer and tongs for the forty minutes as if their lives depended on it.

Best: 3 B.Strassela (PC) 2 M.Roki (PC) 1 Z.Atanaso (PC).

Canberra Rockets 9 (Muracic 3, Purkovic 2, Perinovic 2, M.Vrkic and S.Vrkic). Illawarra Stingers 3 (Tydakeski, Montes and V.Coelho).

at the AIS.

The Canberra Rockets were never troubled as they took Illawarra's Stingers apart 9-3 on Friday night.

The Rockets controlled the game throughout and Illawarra in fact seem a little bemused by the opposing tactics. With a 5-0 scoreline staring them in the face at half-time there was little to look forward to for the visitors, but they toiled on and in fact were only a goal the worse in the second term.

Canberra used the depth of their substitutes to perfection and might be considered unlucky not to have added a fair few more to the tally.

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Ultimately it was the Rockets who triumphed, 7-5, but not before a concerted effort from the Strikers, in particular Oscar Langoni.

Finally the Strikers' defensive line submitted and a rush of three goals sunk a brave charge.

Best: 2 Dragan Purkovic (CR) 2 Stan Dukic (CR) 1 Oscar Langan (CS) 1 Emil Muracic (CR).

Thomastown Twisties Crushers 8 (F.Carvalho 3, Wondimu 2, Ferreira 2 and Ribiero).

Parramatta Spartans 5 (Ducal, Spirovski, Silva, Bertolin and Akkary).

at Fairfield

THREE Australian ladies teams are off to New Zealand on November 14 for a best of three test series against the Kiwis.

Under 16, under 19 and all age Aussie team will travel under general manageress Gai Grima.

Under 16 coach is Kathy McCully, under 19 Lal Byers and open, the national coach Nick Nicolopoulos.

Joe Grima is manager of the under 19's with nominations called for the management of the under 16 and open teams.

APD SNACKS BIG IN VIC

APD Snack Foods recently moved into the sponsorship field in the exploding sport of Indoor Soccer.

They have become involved to the extent of \$20,000 and will be major sponsors of both Geelong (the CCs Cats) and Thomastown (the Twisties Crushers) for the 1987 season.

Executives of both clubs greeted the arrival of the big APD organisation with joy, and said that they would receive considerable cover nationwide.

Geelong official Roy Hay said that the club had changed its home to the Corio Leisuretime Centre.

The season's fixture list published in ASW on August 26 (page 20) had shown The Arena.

Remember to retain your fixture list to mark in the progressive results.

THE Australian Women's Committee which has equal voting rights on the AISF executive is under the chairmanship of Joe Grima. Other members of the national women's executive are!

Brian Keightley (Mackay) GAI Grima (Sydney) Arthur Manning (Illawarra) and Michael Contos (Victoria).

In an entertaining match the Twisties excelled with the fast break out of defence to defy a determined Spartans outfit.

Thomastown's goalkeeper Dino Speziale kept the Parramatta boys at bay on many occasions during the night.

The lead changed hands often early on.

Best: 3 Fortunato Carvalho (TT) 2 Dino Speziale (TT) 1 Frank Bertolin (PS).

Perth Cougars 5 (Antonovski 2, Roki 2 and Galton).

Brisbane Bombers 3 (Grocott, Simpson and Wotherspoon).

at Carrara, Gold Coast.

The Bombers were far too slow with a lot of their build-ups in the middle of the court, thus putting Perth into good breakaway positions.

It was therefore not surprising to see the Cougars take the lead from the Bombers in the ninth minute when again the Bombers were caught in the middle. Boris Antanasovski had an unbelievable amount of time to put the ball away.

With the Bombers starting line-up including the likes of Richie Barnard, Colin Simpson, Ian Wotherspoon and David Bearman all having international experience then it was to their supporters' dismay to see no change in their tactics.

Perth went to a 5-1 lead before Brisbane could avoid a potential hiding. Two quick and well taken goals from Paul Grocott and Colin Simpson gave the final score.

Best: 3 Richard Galton (PC) 2 Michael Roki (PC) 1 Paul Antonelli (BB).

Gridline Eagles 5 (Blazic Filipovic and Nastovski). Geelong CC's Cats (R.Nogger 5)

In the most amazing comeback of the weekend round of matches the ever-gallant Geelong CC's defied a 5-1 lead by Gridline to snatch a heart-stopping draw.

More amazing than that however was the brilliant performance of Robbie Nogger for Geelong in grabbing all five goals!

The Australian international was missing from the previous match against Parramatta but made the world of difference in this counter.

Vince Nastovski put the Eagles ahead after four minutes and his goal was quickly followed by another from Zoran Blazic and Gridline were looking the goods.

Nogger pulled one back in the 11th minute only to be Siska Filipovic make it three minutes before break.

Gridline looked to be running away with the match when Blazic grabbed his trick with efforts in the 2 and 25th minutes.

With the scoreline looking as bleak as it could get, Nogger turned up the boost in a roughshod through. Eagles defence, four inside eight minutes! An extraordinary effort. In fact notched three of them in the last nerve-wracking minutes to end a thoroughly entertaining match.

Best: 3 Robbie Nogger (GC) 2 Vince Nastovski (E) 1 Zoran Blazic (GE).

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Parramatta Spartans 4 (Speranza, Silva, Martinez and Akkary).

Geelong CC's Cats 2 (S.Radojevic and S.McAuliffe). at the Fairfield Leisure Centre.

The Parramatta Spartans kicked off the JHISL season at Fairfield with a spine-tingling 4-2 win over a gallant Geelong CC's outfit.

Led in inspiring fashion by Hilton Silva, the Spartans had to battle desperately hard to break the Cats down.



Parramatta Spartans' HILTON SILVA takes on Geelong CC's midfielder STEVE RADOJEVIC. Pic — Michael Sara.

Lucky Inturris in the Geelong goal continually flung himself in the way of powerful drives to keep the Spartans at bay.

At the ten minute mark Inturris was forced to block three consecutive drives from Silva, Carlos Akkary and Frank Speranza.

It was Speranza who finally broke the deadlock, three minutes into the second half when Silva touched a free-kick into his path and his wobbly crept in at the far post.

The Spartans then brought on the ball-juggling Hector Martinez and Steve McAuliffe immediately went to his side as a marker.

The CC's with a bare minimum six players in Sydney did remarkably well to defy Parramatta for as long as they did but Silva delivered the goods after 26 minutes with a thunderous direct free-kick after Geelong's sixth team foul.

However this did not deter the CC's and they pulled a goal back just 90 seconds later through Steve Radojevic's direct shot.

They were not content with this however and the crowd erupted when a minute later McAuliffe himself, in top form, strode forward to level the scores.

With Silva fouled out it was desperate times for the Spartans but Martinez provided some relief for them when he replied straight after to make it 3-2.

After having been denied all game by Inturris, Akkary finally got onto the scoresheet with but a minute remaining from another direct free-kick minus the wall.

Spartans: Musumeci, Sil-

va, Akkary, Speranza, Spirovski. Subs: Martinez, Dameski.

CC's: Inturris, S.Radojevic, E.Radojevic, G.Dimovski, S.McAuliffe. Sub: D.Brezneris.

Best Player Points: 3 Lucky Inturris (GC) 2 Hilton Silva (PS) 1 S.McAuliffe (GC).

squeezed his shot under the goalkeepers body.

With 90 seconds remaining Filipovic added the last goal to the scoreline when he brought a chipped pass down and volleyed fiercely in.

He was denied a hat-trick when a minute from time he was caught in the area as the ball nestled in the back of the net.

Gridline: Curcic, M.Radosavljevic, Blazic, Filipovic, Popovic. Subs: Pilovski.

Tornadoes: Carlisle, Knight, Stuart, Ormord, Ergon Osman. Subs: Erkin Osman, Spanos, Lembryk, Moon and Bekk.

Lotto: Thurlow, Skellern, Sutherland, Gilligan, Ross. Subs: White, Pealhy, Stromquisz and Vince.

Best: 3 Steve Knight (ST), 2 Robbie Stuart (ST), 1 John Lembryk (ST).

Illawarra Stingers 8 (Bentoceli 4 and Coelho 4). Canberra Strikers 7 (Kanaridis 2, Stewart 2, Turner, Murray and Tansey). at Dixon College, Canberra.

Canberra Strikers are finding it difficult in the early part of the season without having their full squad available.

After a disappointing loss in the local derby with the Canberra Rockets, the Strikers were unable to turn the tables in the match with the Stingers and were in turn stung!

The previous nights endeavours saw the home side take the field without Oscar Langoni. Chris Tansey decided after a mild fitness test to take part despite carrying a knock.

But it was a lack of concentration that brought about Canberra's demise in this match with Illawarra. With a seemingly unassailable 5-2 half-time lead the Strikers simply folded like the proverbial deck of cards in the second half and were overhauled.

Max Bentoceli was instrumental in bringing Illawarra back into the game with good support from Joe Coelho. Both lads grabbed four goals!

In a magnificent match for the viewing public Illawarra left it until the last minute to grab the winner.

Best: 3 Max Bentoceli (IS), Joe Coelho (IS) 1 Jim Kanaridis (CS).

Gridline Eagles 6 (M.Radosavljevic 3, S.Filipovic 2 and B.Pilovski)

Twisties: F.Carvalho, A.De Melo, Ferreira, V.Carvalho, Ribero. Subs: P.De Melo, Wondimu.

Best: 3 Siska Filipovic (GE) 2 Mirko Radosavljevic (GE) 1 Zoran Blazic (GE).

Sydney Toyota Tornadoes 4 (Knight 3 and Stuart) Lotto Allstars 1 (Gilligan)

Reigning JHISL champions, the Sydney Toyota Tornadoes opened their account for season 1987 with a 4-1 win over arch-rivals Lotto Allstars in a bruising clash at the Leisure Centre.

The Tornadoes went to the break confidently holding a 2-0 lead through goals by Robbie Stuart (the national team captain) and their own captain-coach Steve Knight in the seventh and tenth minutes respectively.

By the time the twice national champions had made it 3-0 six minutes into the second half the match had developed a hostile tinge about it. Trevor Ormord had already been shown the yellow card and was followed by Rod Skellern receiving the same. By this time Leon Moon had been thrown into the fray for Sydney and he made it known that he was playing.

A minute after grabbing his second, Knight notched the second hat-trick of the night with a neat finish off a John Lembryk pass. Soon after Skellern received his marching orders but Lotto refused to lie down and in fact grabbed a consolation goal through former Tornadoe, Scott Gilligan in the 34th minute, when he rammed in a direct free-kick.



EDDIE RADOJEVIC of the CC's gives HILTON SILVA no respite on Saturday night. Michael Sara pic.



Lotto Allstars' PAT STROMQUISZ.

The James Hardie Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PERTH Cougars	2	2	0	0	20	4	4
CANBERRA Rockets	2	2	0	0	16	8	4
GRIDLINE Eagles	2	1	1	0	11	6	3
SYDNEY Tornadoes	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
PARRAMATTA Spartans	2	1	0	1	9	10	2
THOMASTOWN Twisties	2	1	0	1	9	11	2
ILLAWARRA Stingers	2	1	0	1	11	16	2
GEELONG CC's Cats	2	0	1	1	7	9	1
BRISBANE Bombers	1	0	0	1	3	5	0
CANBERRA Strikers	2	0	0	2	12	15	0
LOTTO Allstars	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
BUNDBERG Canecutters	1	0	0	1	1	15	0

JHISL Top Scorers

The Sharpshooters
6 Michael Roki (Cougars)
6 Emil Muracic (Rockets)
5 Robbie Noggler (CC's)
4 Stan Dukic (Rockets)
4 Joe Coelho (Stingers)
4 Max Bentoceli (Stingers)

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: Friday 4th September

Illawarra v Gridline at Wollongong Uni

Saturday 5th September

Perth v Lotto at Perry Park Stadium
Geelong v Tornadoes at The Arena
Strikers v Gridline at AIS

Sunday 6th September

Crushers v Tornadoes at Thomastown High
Brisbane v Spartans at Chandler, Gold Coast
Rockets v Gridline at AIS

For any further information, call ASW's Frank Coletta on 660 2033.

ASW will provide the progress best player points from next week

NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE SYDNEY TOYOTA TORNADOES & LOTTO ALLSTARS

GAME 2	12.9.87	7.15PM	Lotto	v	Canberra Rockets
		8.30PM	Tornadoes	v	Canberra Strikers
GAME 3	13.9.87	11.15AM	Lotto	v	Canberra Strikers
		12.30AM	Tornadoes	v	Canberra Rockets

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JHISL on the move...SISKA FILIPOVIC (Gridline Eagles) torments the Thomastown Twisties' defence during his sides comprehensive 6-1 win. Photo - Michael Sara.

ANOTHER WIN FOR AIS

By LES SHORROCK

THE AIS boys achieved another hollow victory against an under-strength State team, when it beat a depleted Green Gully 1-0 on Saturday night at the Bruce Stadium.



CAULFIELD's keeper ROBERT MADJER

The Gully committee carried out its intention of dropping four senior players, and it will be interesting to see whether it has the courage of its convictions this week when it opposes Oakleigh.



BLAIR (Broadmeadows).

Having publicly conceded the title to Polonia,

some committeemen must be wearing red faces now after Polonia's defeat at the hands of Fawkner last Sunday.

Apparently the position at the club now is that whilst Cumming is taking training, he is expected to bow to the committee's wishes over team selection. Knowing Tommy, we all await the outcome of that one with bated breath.

Actually the team that travelled to Canberra contained more than four reserves. Don't be fooled by the name Sweeney in the line-up.

'Big' Joe Sweeney refused to travel to Canberra and his place was taken by new arrival 'little' Joe Sweeney.

For the record, David Clarkson scored for the Institute after a powerful shot from Jason Polak had rebounded from the Gully crossbar.

AIS: Gunning, Healey, Cummings, C.Foster, Koch, Gibson, Polak, Clarkson, Edwards, Welch, P.Foster.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, Deakin, Zemunik, Spiteri, McCluskey, Romanovskide (Bono 80th), Grimaud, Carter, Sweeney, Quigley, Cumming (Docherty 51st).



OAKLEIGH's PAUL LANGSBURY launches into attack

CROYDON ARE IN STEP

CROYDON City took a big step towards safety with a good 2-1 win over Springvale City at the Ross Reserve on Sunday.

Croydon took the lead after only 15 minutes when Graham French converted a penalty, awarded after Springvale defender Mike Kral had pushed him off the ball.

Springvale exerted more pressure after that and both Greg House and Kevin Swinscoe went close.

With Jim Williams in dominating form, the Vales always looked

By VLADO VLAHOVIC

dangerous but had nothing to show for their efforts at half-time.

Ten minutes into the second half, their persistence was rewarded as Bob Morrey headed the equaliser from a Ged Bannon cross.

Croydon didn't wilt, and got its advantage back in the 69th minute, ironically through a bad mistake by the usually reliable Williams

His back-pass to Dennis Boland was too short and French intercepted smartly to beat Boland easily.

Croydon, scenting victory had its tail up by the end of the first half and Springvale came under intense pressure.

Dave Brogan volleyed over the bar when he should have scored, and even defender Tony Remond got into the act, forcing Boland to save brilliantly.

Nick van Egmond took a powerful shot that skimmed the crossbar.

Despite the win Croydon coach Miro Bleiberg was unimpressed by his team's performance.

"We were too relaxed for my liking, and a draw would have been a fair result," he said.

SPRINGVALE CITY: Boland, Rolleman (Black 70th), Kral, Williams, Roberts, Bannon, Stenson (Seki H.T.), Swinscoe, Stewart Morrey, House.

CROYDON CITY: Waterman, Brown, Tansey, Brack, Riley, Remond, Nelson, Livingstone, van Egmond, French, Brogan.



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U-13: POLONIA 0 SYD OLYMPIC 1

TONY Drouza scored the lone goal in a good game spoiled by poor conditions.

Olympic scored after only five minutes and would have scored a number of others except for the workrate of the Polonia keeper.

Both teams appeared to be suffering from nerves, however Olympic's experience eventually won out.

U-13: MARCONI 4 CANTERBURY 2

CANTERBURY opened the scoring with a well-executed goal from Tony Milicic although Marconi took only seven minutes to reply after pressure from the striker Jeff Di Franco saw him capitalise on a poor backpass.

Canterbury regained the lead with an excellent goal via a George Zabetakis header.

The second half saw Marconi much more committed and dominating with a well deserved goal driven into the net by Tony Battisti with only a few seconds remaining.

Extra time saw Marconi grow in confidence to go on and win through two more Di Franco goals.

U-13: NTH BANKSTOWN 1 APIA 2

THE first half saw a very physical APIA maintain a territorial advantage after scoring midway through the half.

Norths kept their spirits up regardless of the assault from APIA and after the break came back determined to make an impression.

The second half saw a continuation of APIA's physical dominance, however, Norths kept plugging away and were rewarded with a fine team goal being finished by Kevin Kaprot.

APIA tended to panic at this stage and over-physical play led to two players being sent from the field.

After regrouping and settling down APIA managed to score during extra time.

However, they will need to learn from this experience if they are to achieve their aim of taking out the final.

U-13: SYD CROATIA 1 CANTERBURY 2

CANTERBURY ran out eventual winners to the tune of two goals to one in a very even match played on a ground in poor condition.

Canterbury led at half-time after a Steve Christoferedos goal in the 21st minute.

Croatia equalised in the 49th minute from the penalty spot via Tom Pesut which brought Canterbury back to life to score after a perfectly accurate pass from Theo Mitrothanasis found Christoferedes who made no mistake.

U-14: ILLAWARRA 1 CROATIA 2

IN A game that flowed from end to end Croatia scored their winning goal as the final whistle blew.

Both teams had many opportunities to break the 1-1 deadlock which had persisted for most of the game and Illawarra missed three sitters during the last 10 minutes.

Best for Illawarra were Paul Michelmayr, R Davies and Matt Taylor.

Scorers: Illawarra: J Ward. Croatia: Adam Poric, Mathew Zec.

U-14: BANKSTOWN 1 STH DISTRICTS 2

SOUTHERN Districts had to work overtime in order to defeat a tough Bankstown team.

Although leading by two goals at the break they were unable to score in the second stanza and indeed Bankstown came storming back scoring midway through the half and being unlucky not to score again.

U-15: MARCONI 2 CROATIA 0

IN A hard fought game on an atrocious ground in the pouring rain Marconi adapted better to the conditions to win 2-0.

Christian Vieri, Roberto Vieri's son, scored the first after good lead-up work from Matt Curmi, Glenn Johnson and Paul Okon.

The second goal was the result of an indirect free kick which was laid off for Okon to thunder a shot into the back of the net.

U-15: MELITA V BLACKTOWN (1-1 after e.t., 3-2 after pens to Melita)

AFTER a tough match played during what seemed a tropical downpour,

neither team gave an inch and the final result was determined via a penalty shootout.

Gary Commerford scored the first for Melita after which they missed three, although Blacktown fared no better.

Andrew Juhart scored the final of the mandatory five and it was then up to the Blacktown keeper to take the final kick to equalise but he was not up to the task.

Melita ran out eventual winners 3-2 on penalties.

NSW STATE CUP GAMES

**U14: Liverpool Albion 0
Canley Heights 1.**
**U16: Winston Hills 2
Greystanes 1.**
**U18: West Pennant Hills 2
Pondle Hill 2 (Pondle Hill won 5-4 on penalties).**
Robertson Cup U21: Lilli Pilli 4 East Bankstown 0.
Australoyd Amateur Cup: Epping YMCA 0 Menai Hawks 1.

YOUTH LEAGUE QTR-F RESULTS: U13: APIA v Nth Bankstown 1-1, 2-1 aet, Olympic v Polonia 1-0, Cant Marrickville v Croatia 2-1, Marconi v Cant Assn 2-2, 4-2 aet.
U14: APIA v Sutherland 1-0, Blacktown City v Macarthur 0-1, Southern Districts v Bankstown 2-1, Illawarra v Croatia 1-2.
U15: Olympic v Polonia 5-0, Sydney City v Canterbury Assn 4-0, Marconi v Croatia 2-0, Melita v Blacktown Assn 1-1, 3-2 after penalties.
U16: Blacktown City v Nth Bankstown abandoned, Marconi v Macarthur 5-1, APIA v Croatia abandoned, St George v Sutherland 3-2.

BIG CHARITY SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS to the Warringah Freshwater and Marconi clubs on a highly successful charity night at Brookvale Oval in aid of Justin Bale.

A few thousand spectators turned out to see what turned out to be an excellent advertisement for Soccer. For many it was their first ever taste of top soccer.

A huge number of junior clubs were represented and I hope I have not missed anyone from the following list:

Pittwater, Brookvale, Many reps, Manly Youth League, Canterbury YL, Beacon Hill, Dee Why, Sydney Olympic YL, Sydney City YL, Blacktown City YL, Marconi YL, Avalon, Seaforth, Belrose-Terrey Hills, Curl Curl, Ganville Stripes (NZ), Long Reef Amateur League, Manly, Manly Vale, Wakehurst, Long Reef Dolphins Ladies, Manly Ladies Allambie, St Augustines, Warringah Freshwater, Eastwood St Andrews, Pittwater RSL, Collaroy Plateau, Long Reef, Dee Why Federation teams, Mosman and Narrabeen.

Well done all those who attended and helped this excellent cause.

THE AMATEUR SHOW WENT ON

LAST weekend's State and Amateur Cup finals proved to be very successful, and much of the congratulations must go to Larry Grant from Liverpool Albion club for his preparation and arrangements.

The Youth League quarter-finals nearly didn't happen due to the heavy midweek rain.

Special thanks must also be given to Bankstown Association secretary Jenny Russell for the tremendous job done in liaising with the groundsman in order to enable the matches to go ahead.

The quarter-finals were packed with action. APIA U13s appeared likely to be easy winners at half-time, leading by a goal and having four denied by the woodwork.

The second half saw two APIA players sent off and a North Bankstown

equaliser before APIA ran out eventual winners in extra time.

Marconi U13s looked the better team yet found themselves one down early and 2-1 down with time running out.

Lady Luck certainly decided to smile and with only two seconds remaining Marconi equalised to force extra time. They then ran out easy winners over stunned Canterbury Association.

Next Croatia and Illawarra were locked 1-1 and heading for extra time. As the referee was raising his hand to blow fulltime Croatia found the

back of the net to defeat the southerners, who surely must have killed a Chinaman.

After rain had soaked the same pitch with a huge deluge, Melita and Blacktown Assn became the first teams to decide a match on penalties. Only three were converted, with Melita managing the majority.

Blacktown's keeper was both hero and villain of the piece. After making some superb penalty saves to keep his team in the match, he stepped up to take a shot himself but could not put enough

power in it.

Two under 16 matches were abandoned by the referee due to poor conditions. These will probably be played midweek.

The semi-finals at the weekend see APIA play Marconi in the first U13 semi-final with the former slight favourites. Olympic is likely to be stretched against a rugged Canterbury Marrickville in the other game.

Neither APIA or Croatia were impressive in the quarter-finals - however I feel that APIA will get up.

Macarthur shocked many last weekend by defeating Blacktown City (obviously the coach did not read this column last week) and will be looking to do the same against the talented Southern Districts dribblers.

Sydney Olympic U15s have been winning without playing well this year but could prove too strong for a gutsy Melita.

Marconi and Sydney City in the other U15 semi-final should prove to be one of the matches of the day.

Klaus Okon has done well, as he often does, to land his team in the top four after losing a number of last season's squad, and John Doyle's Sydney City is likely to prove a handful.

Either Blacktown City or North Bankstown will play St George depending upon the result of the midweek match, while a similar situation exists in the semi-final where Marconi will play either APIA or Croatia.



Dale Simpson Southern Tablelands moves away from his opponent in the under 14 State Cup semi-final played in Goulburn.

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Andrew Ferris Southern Tablelands kicks through during the clash with Canley Heights in the under 14 State Cup semi-final played in Goulburn.

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Adrian Haynes Southern Tablelands in complete control of the ball in the under 14 State Cup semi-final against Canley Heights played in Goulburn. Canley Heights won 3-0.

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NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Melita Eagles v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	2-0
Sutherland v Manly Warringah	1-1	2-0
Warringah F/Water v Rockdale Ilinden	3-0	1-1
Canberra City v Wollongong Mac	1-1	0-5
Can. Marr. Oly v Blacktown City	1-4	0-5
Wollongong City v Inter Monaro	3-1	1-1
Newcastle v Uruguayan Penarol	0-2	1-4

Blacktown United v Campbelltown	5-1	1-2
Avala v Sydney Maccabi	4-1	10-0
Gladesville Hby v Dee Why	2-1	6-0
Nth Bankstown v SSC Yugal	1-0	1-3
Polonia v Bathurst '75	PP	PP
Kingsford v Queens Park	PP	PP
Nth Syd. Art. v Fairy Meadow	PP	PP

Graville v Baulkham Hills	4-1	3-2
Campbelltown v Uni of NSW	3-1	3-0
Nth Ryde v Moorebank	0-0	2-1
Rooty Hill v Port Hacking	4-0	3-1
Concordia v Moorebank	PP	PP
Bondi Marine v Nth Ryde	3-1	2-2
Canterbury v Mt Druitt	1-1	1-3
Rooty Hill v Port Hacking	PP	PP
King Tomislav v West United	PP	PP

West St George v Hawkesbury	3-1	3-0
Spanish Club v Pagewood	1-3	4-4
Sydney Uni. v Fairfield	3-1	2-0
Dulwich Hill v Eastwood	3-1	0-1
Nineveh Eagles v Padstow Park	PP	PP
Chelsea v Rosebery	1-4	0-1

Chile Sports v Welcome Sports	PP	PP
Liverpool City v Rangers	PP	PP
Schofields v Concord Jun.	PP	PP
Trasandinos v Wenty Waratahs	1-0	5-0
Macquarie Uni v Haberfield	PP	PP
Greenisland v Maroubra	8-1	3-1
Liverpool City v Chile Sports	PP	PP

Inter Urban 3rd Div	2-0	1-2
Lithgow v Murray Farm	PP	PP
SSC Zagreb v Argentinian	13-1	17-0
Petersham v Crescent Star	2-3	1-6
Abuzzi v Blacktown Wand	1-2	0-2
Lansvale v Macedonias Yag.	PP	PP
Lansvale United v Abuzzi	PP	PP
Blacktown Wand v Macedonias Yag.	PP	PP

Inter Urban 4th Division	1-1	0-0
Mit Pritchard v Orange Waratah	PP	PP
Prospect v Greystanes	5-2	3-3
Cobrolo v Alexander	PP	PP
Luddenham Croa. v Liverpool Oly	1-2	4-2
Chullora v Hellas	4-4	2-0
Assyrian v Chullora	PP	PP
Hellas v Lebanon	PP	PP

NSW STATE LEAGUE

Blacktown	23	19	4	0	78	13	42
Warringah F.	24	19	4	1	53	22	42
Melita Eagles	23	17	1	6	64	24	33
Sutherland	24	15	3	6	54	26	33
Ku-ring-gai	24	9	6	9	30	25	24
Canberra	23	11	1	11	45	44	23
Urug Penrhin	24	9	4	11	40	42	22
W'gong City	24	9	2	13	31	45	20
W'gong Mac	23	8	4	11	29	44	20
Canterbury	22	8	1	13	38	51	17
Rockdale	21	5	4	12	25	38	14
Manly	21	4	4	13	25	35	12
Newcastle	23	3	5	15	19	54	11
Inter/Monaro	21	2	3	16	16	71	7

Polonia	24	19	5	0	78	21	43
F Mead	24	13	4	5	55	27	33
NB'stown	24	16	6	4	41	25	32
Yugal	23	11	6	7	43	26	27
Kingsford	22	12	3	7	33	21	28
B'own U	23	11	3	9	36	32	25
Gr'ville H	24	11	3	10	34	33	25
Avala	24	8	8	4	38	24	24
Queens Pk	24	9	3	12	26	40	19
Antarmon	24	9	1	14	37	56	19
Sy Maccabi	23	7	5	11	31	49	17
Bath '75	24	7	3	14	28	41	19
DWS	24	2	5	17	19	59	8
Cam'town	23	2	4	17	15	48	9

Blacktown	23	17	3	7	26	24	37
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Clifton Hill	14	12	0	2 42 14 24
Fawkner	14	11	2	1 40 14 24
Meadow Park A	14	10	1	3 28 18 21
Nth Geelong	14	8	2	4 34 22 18
Lalor United	14	8	1	5 44 23 17
Melb Croatia	14	6	1	7 24 23 13
West United	14	3	3	8 17 31 9
Altona City	14	2	2	10 25 36 6
Ascot Vale City	14	3	0	11 20 37 6
Bundoora	14	1	0	13 13 69 2
NTH WEST B				
Essendon City	12	10	1	106 14 24
Heidelberg Utd	12	9	0	3 81 16 18
Werrimbee	12	8	0	4 62 21 16
Greensborough	12	8	0	5 43 22 16
Prahran	11	7	0	4 31 20 14
Hamlyn Rangers	11	5	1	5 26 41 11
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Eltham	12	2	1	9 11 85 5
Melton	12	1	0	11 9 96 2

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S'shine Heights	14	10	1	3 41 28 21
Melburn City	14	9	2	3 50 25 20
S.S.G.X.	14	8	2	4 27 21 17
B.U. Juventus	14	6	3	5 30 18 15
Lalor	14	5	4	21 22 15
Sth Springvale	14	4	5	24 27 13
Cauffield City	14	5	1	8 20 29 11
Oakleigh	13	4	2	7 22 31 10
Preston	14	3	3	8 15 24 9
Mordialloc	13	1	4	8 13 32 6

UNDER 18				
VSF EASTERN				
Mulgrave	16	10	3	3 49 33 23
Waverley Utd	16	10	0	6 37 25 20
Doncaster Rvs	14	7	3	4 27 21 17
Mooroolbark	14	6	3	5 30 18 15
Seaford	15	7	1	7 40 29 15
Sp'vale Condors	14	6	3	5 29 30 15
Croydon City	12	5	4	3 23 21 14
Clayton	16	7	0	9 34 37 14
Melburn City	16	6	2	8 22 32 14
Ringwood City	15	6	1	8 37 40 14
Skye Rovers	16	2	0	14 19 61 4
VSF NORTHERN				
B.U. Juventus	17	12	3	2 54 15 27
Sth Melb Hellas	17	11	3	3 50 18 25
Nth Geelong	16	12	1	3 49 22 25
Melb Croatia	17	10	4	3 48 25 24
Clifton Hill	16	10	2	4 41 21 22
Green Gully	17	6	6	5 36 29 18
Northcote City	17	6	2	7 30 38 16
Heidelberg Utd	15	5	2	8 21 35 12
Oakleigh	17	4	3	10 28 53 11
West Brunswick	16	2	2	12 19 49 6
Eltham	17	2	1	2 13 24 73 6
Nth Reservoir	15	1	2	12 11 33 4

VICTORIAN AMATEURS				
ROUND 15				
DIVISION 1				
Altona Ilinden 4	ANZ Bank 1	R4-3, Essendon Tramway 2	Aust Airlines 4	R1-4, Fogolar Furlan 2
Middle Park 4	R2-3, Glenroy Doxa Utd 3	Preston Pythons 1	R4-0, Meko Holdings 7	Apollo United 4
R3-0.				
DIVISION 2				
Fibremakers Utd 4	St Bernards O.C. 2	R3-1, Flamingo 2	Kew Deaf 0	R3-2, Footscray Utd 4
M'trose Bl Gully 2	R4-1, Highpoint 2	Nth Dand Sparrow 1	RW-0, Rowville Utd 0	Taxation Utd 3
R2-2.				
DIVISION 3 EAST				
D'ong Condors 0	Bowater Scott 3	Garden City 2	Ferris Utd 1	Northcote Utd 0
Keeley Kings 4	Nthn X/St Helena 2	Swinburne 1	Oakleigh City 1	Wst Fscray Lerian 2.
DIVISION 3 WEST				
Altona Nth Tarxn 0	Altona Heights 0	Creswick Town W	Tottenham 0	King Park 3
Dallas Utd 1	St Albans Dynamo 3	Whitelsea 0	St Albans Wandrs 1	Keilor Old Boys 1.
DIVISION 4				
Anacoters P Raaf College 9	P Doveton City 1	Embassy Taxis 3	Nippondenso A	Windsor A, Nth Fitzroy MTA 0
Dandy Dynamo 6	Sunbury 4	Laminex 2.		

AMENDMENTS				
Round 13 — Division 4	— Doveton City 3	Windsor 7.		
Round 14 — Division 3E	— Ferris United 1	Dandenong Condors 1.		
Round 14 — Division 4	— Dandy Dynamo 7	Doveton City 2.		

QUEENSLAND							
XXXX LEAGUE TABLE							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lions	20	15	1	4	54	18	31
Azzurri BC	20	13	5	2	42	18	31
North Star	20	13	5	2	41	18	31
East	20	10	4	6	36	24	24
Mt Gravatt	20	8	4	8	36	30	20
Olympic Utd	20	9	2	9	34	37	20
Coaststars	20	7	5	8	31	29	19
Rochdale	20	5	5	10	28	45	15
Redlands Utd	20	5	10	5	26	47	15
Ipswich	20	4	6	10	23	28	14
Grange Thistle	20	2	6	12	9	35	10
Taringa R.	20	4	2	14	22	51	10
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lions	80	48	12	20	171	85	108
North Star	80	48	12	20	167	99	108
Grange Thistle	80	38	20	22	131	87	96
East	80	35	18	27	124	94	88
Rochdale	80	38	18	29	126	125	84
Ipswich Utd	80	27	25	28	106	113	79
Azzurri BC	80	30	16	34	124	145	76
Taringa R.	79	26	16	37	118	146	68
Olympic Utd	80	25	10	40	119	150	65
Mt Gravatt	80	23	18	39	102	160	64
Redlands Utd	79	22	18	39	113	175	62
Coaststars	80	22	16	42	109	134	60

LATROBE VALLEY				
SENIOR DIVISION				
AUGUST 23				
Warragul	17	15	2	0 53 11 482 32
Pegasus	17	10	3	4 39 16 244 23
Moe United	16	10	0	6 36 20 180 20
Newborough	14	7	5	4 28 20 140 19
Sale City	17	8	2	7 31 26 119 18
Churchill	16	6	2	8 14 34 41 14
Traralgon City	16	4	4	8 17 36 47 12
Monash	17	2	8	7 20 37 54 12
Olympians	16	3	5	8 14 32 44 11
Inter Morwell	16	4	2	10 16 25 64 10
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Inter Morwell.....	16	4	2	10 16 25 64 10

UMINA REACH FINAL

BY BILL TURNER

UMINA High became the first Central Coast school to reach the final of the OAK Bill Turner Cup when they defeated St Peters, Maitland last Wednesday 2-1 after extra time.

To win, Umina had to fight back after being a goal down after barely three minutes of play. Mathew Mate made a slicing run to the right, cut a beautiful pass to Damien Smith who adroitly slotted the ball out of the reach of Maicus Smith the Umina keeper.

Within a minute Umina swung into attack and with St Peters goalkeeper David Workman beaten Craig Page's shot was not strong enough and Shane Wind just cleared off the line.

Industrious midfielder Richard Johnson almost sent St Peters two up when his 20m shot skinned the bar.

In the 24th minute a long cross from Page saw Darren Elin latch onto it with perfect precision to send a crashing drive into the top of the net to level the scores.

Into the second half Umina's human dynamo Andrew French was causing havoc in the St Peters defence. Striker Neil Buryers was running off him repeatedly setting up

scoring chances but the St Peters defenders held to their guns.

A sudden turn around saw St Peters Anthony Burgess left unmarked and his shot missed by a couple of inches. A minute later Dixwah Lowe swept a sweet cross to Burgers again only to see his finish skin to bar.

The recently mown winter grass was very soft underfoot and made the players very tired by the time fulltime was reached.

Umina's Neil Burges hit the cross bar with a screamer in extra time, Richard Johnson put a beautiful pass into the path of Simon Richards but the Central Coast keeper pushed it away, before they changed over for the final 10 minutes.

Then it happened. From outside the penalty box, Umina's Darren Elkin found space and measured his lob to perfection. The ball came down, deflecting awkwardly and spinning off the shoulder of the goalkeeper and falling over the line for the winner.

UMINA: Marcus Smith, Ron Dufficy, Troy Watterson, Dean Oliver, Phillip Rayner, Andrew French, Darren Elin, Lindsay Woods, Neil Burgess, Jason McElligott, Craig Page, Glen Spod, Chris Eriksson, Darren Harris,

David McFarlane, David O'Connor. Coach Mr Kevin Smith, Manager, Mr Cliff Wilkes.

ST PETERS, MAITLAND. David Workman, Shane Wind, Anthony Biscan, Paul Porteus, Richard Johnson, Matthew Mate, Damien Smith, Simon Richards, Dixwah Lowe, Anthony Burgess: Pace Hughes, Jamie Clouten, Gregory Ross, Anthony Croach, David Meyn. Coach Mr Jim Mate, Manager Mr Philip Peate.

UMINA 2 (Darren Elkin, Jason McElligott) St Peters, Maitland 1 (Damien Smith) at Robbins Oval, Maitland. Referee: Mr Terry Ellis.

SEMI FINAL

Spare a thought for the organisers of the OAK Bill Turner Cup. Rain has made the last couple of matches a nightmare for top man Terry Hampton and the Sydney Co-ordinator Greg McGriskin.

Everything appeared to be settled when the semi-final between Kogarah and Liverpool Boys was to be decided last Thursday afternoon.

However they were unfortunately denied use of the ground and their rescheduled meeting for the Friday was washed out.

The match was then set for last Monday with the final against the Central Coast champions Umina listed for Macquarie Field Speers Point tonight, Wednesday September 2 at 7.30pm.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ADELAIDE HELLAS SNEAKS IN

BY TOM McKAIN

ADELAIDE Hellas slipped into the play-offs for the 1988 West End National League by winning the SA State League by a point with a controversial 1-0 win over Campbelltown at Hindmarsh Stadium last Sunday.

Although Hellas needed only a draw, they went for goals and in the process almost lost the game in the 72nd minute.

Young Hellas defender Steve Savoudis passed the ball back and saw it beat his goalkeeper David Miller.

But while the Campbelltown fans were cheering and Savoudis was holding his head the linesman on the right side stood firm signalling offside.

Referee Bobby Kerr checked with him, signalled no goal and awarded a free kick for offside.

Questioned later the linesman said a Campbelltown player was in front of the home defenders on the far side of the field before the ball was touched back.

Three minutes later it was the turn of the home fans to go into ecstasy and invade the pitch when substitute forward George Konstandopoulos hit the ball inside the box on the

turn from a Steve Atsalas right cross to beat keeper Robbie Parks.

Hellas, playing in the last game of the League season with the other matches played on the Saturday, knew what they had to do to take the title.

But like their challengers, Salisbury the day before, Hellas took the field with raw nerves exposed.

Salisbury managed to beat Para Hills only 1-0 and led the table by a point for a day.



Hellas' Graham Honeyman, on the injured list.

Hellas did just enough to deserve victory, with Campbelltown having no worries of winning or losing.

And they shocked the former NSL club in the 41st minute when Sergio Giannone sent in a shot which was heading for the back of the net until Miller leapt and tipped the ball over for

a corner.

Hellas now meets the champions from Victoria and Queensland for a place in the national competition next season.

Salisbury ended the season in second place and in the Coca Cola Top Four Cup with Hellas, Beograd and Croatia.

The quartet joins Campbelltown, Para and Lion plus NSL champions Adelaide City in the summer Ampol Cup series in January.

And the State League top seven are joined by Polonia for the West End Premier Cup which kicks off on Saturday week with a home and away format.

Although the League has been completed the relegation issue is not settled as the bottom four are Birkalla 14 points, Cumberland 14, Azzurri 11 and Apac 9 with Azzurri lodging an appeal against the deduction of four

points earlier this season.

They were alleged to have fielded an ineligible player against Birkalla and are taking their case to the Supreme Court on September 18.

If they win then Cumberland will drop to second bottom place on goal difference from Birkalla and would be destined for the drop.

Azzurri finished the season with a flourish, whipping Polonia 5-1 to grab two points.

Had they lost, regaining the four points would not have been enough.

Final table

Hellas	22	15	4	3	45	20	34
Salisbury	22	13	7	2	31	13	33
Beograd	22	12	7	3	36	17	31
Croatia	22	12	6	4	34	14	30
C'town	22	8	8	6	26	19	24
Para	22	9	4	9	32	23	22
Lion	22	8	5	9	27	36	21
Polonia	22	6	7	9	30	41	19
Birkalla	22	4	6	12	17	29	14
Cum'land	22	2	10	10	19	37	14
Azzurri	22	4	5	13	18	35	11
Apac	22	2	5	15	14	44	9

SOCCER CAMP AT UNIVERSITY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE NATIONAL SOCCER CAMP will operate from January 10/16 at the University of New England in Armidale, NSW, with Camp Directors Willie Wallace and Eric Worthington.

Students enrolled from all over Australia will receive first class coaching from World Youth coach, Les Schienflug, former international and St George player, Alan Ainslie, former Crystal Palace and 'Spurs' Roger Hoy and ex-Nottingham Forest Brian Williamson who are amongst the instructors.

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Australian Youth coach LES SCHIENFLUG gives the 'good oil' to a couple of youngsters at New England.

QUEENSLAND

LION'S LOSS — 3-WAY STRUGGLE

by GREG RUSSELL

THE Queensland Soccer Federation could not have dreamed for a better final fortnight to its XXXX League competition with the top and bottom of the table now deadlocked.

Lions' 2-1 loss to North Star last Sunday, coupled with Azzurri Brisbane City's 2-1 win over Coalstars has made for a three-way tie at the top of the table between Lions, Azzurri and North Star with two rounds remaining.

While at the bottom of the table, Taringa's point from their scoreless draw at Ipswich United last weekend allowed them to draw level with Grange Thistle, who lost 1-0 to arch rivals Mount Gravatt.

It is goal difference which now separates the teams and in two weeks could be the deciding factor in determining the premiers and the relegated club.

Few could have be-

lieved at the start of the season that the top of the table would have been so tight with two rounds remaining. Lions were hot favourites to win the competition easily and make a bid to return to the national league.

Lions are still the leaders, with a commanding positive 36 goal difference, while Azzurri (positive 24) just edge into second plus ahead of North Star.

But the former NSL club has lost its scoring touch of earlier in the year and squandered chances could now cost them the league. In the first round Lions missed the opportunity to take a point



BILLY WILLIAMSON

from a draw when Alan Niven missed a last minute penalty when Lions were trailing 2-1.

And last Sunday at Richards, with the scores locked 1-1, this time it was Jim Morton who missed a penalty which almost cer-



LIONS' CRAIG DAMERFELD

tainly would have given Lions a winning margin.

But five minutes later, after a seemingly foolish push by young keeper Jason Kearton, North Star were awarded a penalty and Billy Williamson made no mistake to give his side victory.

Azzurri Brisbane City

continued their undefeated run and stretched it to 13 games with a hard fought 2-1 win over Coalstars, who last week took the Ampol Cup 5-3 against Olympic.

Of the three leaders, Azzurri probably have the easiest run home. Next week they play last placed Taringa and finish their program against fifth placed Mount Gravatt.

Lions this weekend have the testing tie against seventh placed Coalstars at Bundamba and then finish with a home tie against Taringa. North Star face the toughest program, meeting fourth placed Easts this weekend and then finishing against the unpredictable Rochdale, currently placed eighth.

But the focus will be on the bottom of the table as much as the top in the final two rounds. With one club to be relegated, Taringa are now trailing Thistle by only three goals.

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WILLIE WALLACE (left) is joined by Australian rugby league international Wayne Pearce (centre) and National Director of Coaching, Eric Worthington.

SHORTS

LEAGUE newcomer Scarborough is to seek \$20,000 minimum compensation from Wolverhampton Wanderers for the damage caused by visiting Wolves' fans.

BRAZILIAN striker Tita — real name Milton Queiro da Paxao — has joined West German club Bayer Leverkusen from Vasco da Gama to replace its injured South Korean, Cha Bum-Kun.

HAMBURG SV goalkeeper Uli Stein has been suspended for 10 matches and fined \$1600 after being sent off for punching Bayern Munich striker Juergen Wegmann in last weekend's match.

ENGLISH clubs frozen out of European competition since the 1985 European Cup final tragedy, have been given a provisional place in next year's UEFA Cup.

SOUTHAMPTON has signed English international defender Derek Statham from second division West Bromwich Albion for \$250,000.

DERBY County has signed England and Southampton defender Mark Wright for a record club fee of \$2.2 million.

WIMBLEDON has finalised terms with Manchester United for striker Terry Gibson for a fee of \$720,000.

LEICESTER City has signed Finnish international striker Jari Rantanen from UEFA Cup holders Gothenburg of Sweden.

BLACKBURN Rover wants to sign out-of-favour Scottish international Steve Archibald from Barcelona.

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MANCHESTER United boss Alex Ferguson is making a determined bid to bring Glasgow Rangers' English goalkeeper Chris Woods to Old Trafford.

Fergie, who has failed in two attempts to buy foreign goalkeepers, has already opened negotiations with the Scottish giants over a possible transfer.

Rangers seem keen to co-operate, with player-manager Graeme Souness already taking steps to line up a replacement.

His sights are set on Scotland's No 2 keeper Andy Gorm — currently with English club Oldham Athletic.

Woods could prove a costly buy for United — Rangers paid Norwich \$1.4 million for him last summer and he is now certain to replace Peter Shilton between the sticks for England.

Securing Gorm however, should not be too much of a problem for Souness since second division Oldham will find it hard to resist a likely \$900,000 offer.

Ferguson has been thwarted in his attempts to sign Russian international Rinat Dasaev and Bayern Munich's Belgian keeper Jean-Marie Pfaff.

And with United No 1 Chris Turner having made it clear he wants to leave Old Trafford, the club could be left relying on 19-year-old deputy Gary Walsh if they do not buy soon.



THE custodians Manchester United have sought. From left: Jean-Marie Pfaff (missed), Rinat Dasaev (missed) and Chris Woods — their last chance?

SOCCEROO striker David Mitchell's first match in the Dutch league turned sour a fortnight ago.

Mitchell, now playing for Feyenoord after transferring from Eintracht Frankfurt in Germany, was sent off for arguing with the referee, but his club won 3-2 against newly promoted Willem II.

WEST German international Pierre Littbarski has returned to Cologne after just one year with French club Racing for a fee of about \$2 million.

Littbarski had two years of his contract left with Racing, but his wife never settled in Paris and he thought he would have a better chance of winning his place in the West German side for next summer's European championship finals if he returned to Germany.

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough will know this week if he is to face an FA charge of bringing the game into disrepute over a newspaper article which referred to Diego Maradona's fisted goal against England in last year's World Cup.

Clough declared before the recent Centenary Classic at Wembley:

"If I were Peter Shilton I would wait for my chance to punch Maradona straight in the head at the very first opportunity. It would be a nice little bit of revenge for what he did in Mexico."

TWO overseas aces will have to wait until October at least before making their English debuts. The British Department of Employment is holding up the work permits of QPR's Israeli import David Pizante and Leicester City's Finnish striker Jiri Rantanen.

VFB Stuttgart's reign at the top of the West German league ended after just four days when it was beaten 2-0 by FC Cologne.



PIERRE LITBARSKI

DIEGO Maradona estimates he's playing at 60 per cent of his form, but is sure he'll be ready for the Champions' Cup first round showdown with Real Madrid in September.

DANIEL Bertoni, the 32-year-old former Argentine World Cup striker, has decided to retire after failing to reach an agreement on a return to his first club, Independiente, from Udinese in Italy.

QPR has finalised the deal to capture Oxford midfielder Kevin Brock for a fee of \$600,000.

LIVERPOOL downed Athletic Madrid 1-0, Derby County thrashed Athletic Bilbao 4-0 and Real Madrid demolished Everton 6-1 in friendly matches.

SPANISH first division soccer club Seville said today they had sacked their Scottish coach Jock Wallace before Sunday's start of the new season.

GLASGOW Rangers Scottish international striker Ally McCoist scored his second hat-trick in five days when his team beat Dunfermline 4-1 in the League Cup.



DIEGO MARADONA strides away.

GLASGOW Celtic centre half Mick McCarthy will miss the Republic of Ireland's European Championship tie against Luxembourg at Lansdowne Road on September 9 because of a groin injury and stomach muscle strains.

LUTON Town's MP chairman David Evans may queue with supporters and watch his club play Chelsea from the terraces on Saturday after being banned from the Stamford Bridge directors' box.

Chelsea chairman Ken Bates banned Luton directors from Chelsea's boardroom as a reprisal to Luton's refusal to allow visiting fans at Kenilworth Road.

NIAL Quinn, out of favour with Arsenal, has been included in the Republic of Ireland's 20 man squad to meet Luxembourg in the European Championship match on September 9. But there is still no place for his Highbury colleague David O'Leary despite consistent displays for the Gunners.

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POLISH FEDERATION BANK ON INCENTIVE

FROM MICHAEL MIKOLAJCZYK

THREE points for a win by three goals or more and **MINUS** one point for the team that loses by three goals or more applies in Polish football. In addition, four clubs out of the sixteen team competition face relegation.

The two bottom clubs are automatically relegated and the four clubs above them enter a play-off with the two losers going down to Division two.

The Polish FA has taken this novel approach to try to reverse the steady decline which the sport is experiencing.

The poor shape of the domestic scene is blamed for the country's failure in the World Cup in Mexico. Further, Poland has no chance of qualifying for next year's European Nationals Championship in West Germany.

The record of its top clubs in the various European club competitions has been abysmal in recent years.

This northern autumn is the second season that the radical points and relegation system is in operation.

Having made a remedial change, the Polish FA is going to stand by the new system as there is little value in constantly changing the rules (unlike what happens in the NSL).

Two teams make their debut in the first division. **JAGIELLONIA BIALYSTOK** and **STAL STALOWA WOLA**, both from Eastern Poland. Also promoted were **BALTYK GDYNIA** and **SZOMBIERKI BYTOM**.

For the first time in league history, **RUCH CHORZOW** (former club of APIA's Edward Lorens) is not in the first division. Sixty years of tradition was broken when RUCH lost in the play-offs last season.

One facet of the game which denies any sort of stabilisation is the coaching merry-go-round. Seven clubs have started with a new coach this season. Life is tenuous at the top as poor results bring instant dismissal. Seldom however do club officials face similar treatment.

So how can a club experience a continuity of coaching if the work started by one man is rarely continued after a few seasons.

This coaching instability is something the Polish FA can do little about — it's solely up to the clubs.

However, if the standards of coaching and play do not improve, the FA is contemplating inviting foreign coaches to instill the latest trends into the homegrown talent.

POLISH 1987/88 SEASON

CLUB	COACH
BALTYK GDYNIA (P)	Stanislaw Stachura
GORNIK WALBRZYCH	*Henryk Kempny
GORNIK ZABRZE	*Marcin Bochynek
GKS KATOWICE	*Wladyslaw Zmuda
JAGIELLONIA BIALYSTOK (P)	Janusz Wojcik
LECH POZNAN	Bronislaw Waligora
LECHIA GDANSK	*Zbigniew Kociolok
LEGIA WARSZAWA	Jerzy Engel
LKS LODZ	*Leszek Jezierski
OLIMPIA POZNAN	Jerry Kopa
POGON SZCZECIN	*Jan Jucha
STAL STALOWA WOLA (P)	Wladyslaw Szarynski
SLASK WROCLAW	Henryk Apostel
SZOMBIERKI BYTOM (P)	Zbigniew Myga
WIDZEW LODZ	Orest Lenczyk
ZAGLEBIE LUBIN	*Andrzej Wojciechowski

(P) = PROMOTED

* New Coach

U.K. SOCCER SCENE



Gary Bannister

THE UK UPDATE

QUEENS Park Rangers held on to top spot after a hard-earned 1-0 win at Southampton and impressive team performances were delivered by Manchester United who won 3-1 at Charlton, Chelsea who crushed Luton 3-0, Liverpool 4-1 victors at Coventry, and Everton who bounced back from a 6-1 midweek mauling against Real Madrid to defeat Sheffield Wednesday 4-0.

Kevin Brock's 74th minute goal for Queens Park Rangers at Southampton kept them narrowly ahead of Nottingham Forest, who kept up the pressure with a 1-0 win at Newcastle -- Nigel Clough grabbing the crucial goal in the 44th minute.

Arsenal were in marauding mood and turned Pompey manager Alan Ball's return to Highbury into a nightmare.

Arsenal manager George Graham dropped international striker Charlie Nicholas yesterday and then was in the box seat as the North London side pulverised struggling Portsmouth 6-0.

Striker Alan Smith, a close-season signing from Leicester, hit a hat-trick as Arsenal chalked up their first win of the season after a stuttering start to the campaign.

After seeing his newly promoted side's defence concede nine goals in their opening three outings, Ball had signed stopper Malcolm Shotton from Oxford -- but Nicholas' absence had a more dramatic effect.

Smith opened the scoring after 15 minutes and scored again in the 43rd and 65th minutes, with David Rocastle, Tony Adams and Paul Davis adding the others.

Liverpool, playing only their second game of the season because Anfield is undergoing urgent repairs to a sewage system beneath the terracing, maintained a 100 per cent record by winning at Coventry.

Scottish international Steve Nicol scored twice.

In Scotland, Glasgow Celtic won a bruising "Old Firm" derby with city rivals Rangers 1-0 to take over from Aberdeen at the top of the Premier League on goal difference.

Former Aberdeen striker Billy Stark hit the only goal after just four minutes and was later the victim of a tackle by Graeme Souness, which led to the Rangers player-manager being sent off.

WEST Ham's Scottish midfielder Neil Orr has joined Hibernian in a \$250,000 deal.

THERE'S been a big shake-up at Scottish club Hibs with Swindon solicitor David Duff their new chief in a \$1.6 million takeover. The first thing Duff did was appoint his brother-in-law Jim Gray as managing director.



STEVE NICOL: Scored for Liverpool

MANSFIELD striker Keith Cassells spoiled Birmingham's bright start to the soccer season when he scored the goal that dumped the early second division leaders out of the English League Cup.

Birmingham, who drew 2-2 at Mansfield in the first leg, were beaten 1-0 in front of 6,054 at St Andrews, Cassells volleying the winner from a 61st minute corner.

It was a night of woe for Ron Saunders' West Bromwich Albion, beaten 3-2 on aggregate by Midlands neighbours Walsall, after a goalless draw at Fellows Park.

Walsall even missed a 53rd minute penalty, David Kelly hitting his spot kick straight at Albion goalkeeper Mark Naylor.

And Scarborough's hopes of a lucrative second round tie with one of the big clubs looked bright when Stewart Hamill opened the scoring after 19 minutes at Doncaster, to put them 2-0 ahead on aggregate.

But the League new boys conceded three goals in the last half hour, scored by Tommy Gaynor, Tony Kinsella and Micky Stead.

Middlesbrough won the North East derby with Sunderland in front of a 15,000 plus crowd at Ayresome Park.

Goals from Bernie Slaven and Tony Mowbray allowed Middlesbrough to overcome Sunderland's 1-0 first leg lead.

A second half hat-trick by Bobby Campbell enabled Wigan to turn a 3-2 first leg deficit into a 5-4 aggregate victory at Bolton.

George Lawrence, with his second goal in two matches for Millwall, ended Leyton Orient's resistance at The Den. But Millwall lost its expensive striker Tony Cascarino with a hamstring injury.

Bristol City made a bold but unsuccessful attempt to retrieve a three goal first leg deficit against West Country neighbours Swindon at Ashton Gate.

Gordon Owen, sent off at Swindon last week, scored twice and Mike Tanner once to give City a 3-1 lead at the break.

Third division Rotherham, without a League win so far, shocked second division Huddersfield 3-1 at Leeds Road to go through 7-5 on aggregate.



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